

HUMANIST COMMUNITY IN SILICON VALLEY



September Forums

September 3: Getting Past Capitalism: History, Vision, Hope

Cynthia Kaufman is the director of the Vasconcellos Institute for Democracy in Action at De Anza College, and is on the board of Human Agenda. She is the author of two books: *Getting Past Capitalism: History, Vision, Hope* and *Ideas for Action: Relevant Theory for Radical Change*. She will be speaking on practical steps we can take to move beyond the devastation caused by capitalism.

September 10: Final Exit Network

Final Exit Network (www.finalexitnetwork.org) is a volunteer organization serving members who are suffering from intolerable medical circumstances, are mentally competent, and want to end their lives. It offers the most current information known for self-deliverance when the member is ready to choose.

Jacie Rowe IV has been a political organizer and advocate for 7 years, including 3 years in the End of Life movement. When California's End of Life Option Act (EOLOA) was passed, he moved on to work with Final Exit Network to ensure that everyone has access to options, whether they qualify for the EOLOA or not.

September 17: Nature Speaks: Art and Poetry for the Earth

Deborah Kennedy is an eco-artist, educator, lecturer, and the author of *Nature Speaks: Art and Poetry for the Earth*, a profound collection of her original artwork and poetry.

Within the pages of *Nature Speaks*, detailed earth-toned drawings pull the reader into the subject of the paired poem. With each poem and drawing a short essay provides context to the ecological themes discussed in the poetry. For more information go to: www.deborahkennedyart.com and www.whitecloudpress.com/features/deborah-kennedys-interview-with-svtags/.

September 24: Practicing Atheism in Everyday Life

So you're an atheist. Now what? The way we deal with life — with love and sex, pleasure and death, reality and making stuff up — can change dramatically when we stop believing in gods, souls, and afterlives. With her unique blend of compassion and humor, thoughtfulness and snark, Greta Christina most emphatically does not propose a single path to a good atheist life.

Greta Christina will be speaking about her latest book, *The Way of the Heathen: Practicing Atheism in Everyday Life*, in which she offers questions to think about, ideas that may be useful, and encouragement to choose your own way. She addresses complex issues in an accessible, down-to-earth style.

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 to attend 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, and it will be
forwarded to the Social Action Group.

For confidential assistance contact Arthur Jackson at
408-923-3774 or 123arthurjackson@gmail.com.

About the Cover

It is very serious when people are persuaded that science,
the news media, the judiciary and academia are purveyors
of 'false news' and can't be relied upon. We have had such
purveyors before, even in the White House, but never as
blatantly attempting to undermine all our dearly bought
protections and safeguards as we see today with
department heads placed there to destroy that which was
designed to protect our rights, our environment and our
future.

We will not come through this unscathed but we must be
alert, support those with our good at heart, and let the
elected know that their actions have consequences. At
least for the present cooler heads, outnumber the rich, the
powerful, and the ignorant.

Sena

"Good is better than evil becuz it's nicer."

— Mammy Yokum
according to Al Capp

HUMANIST HOUSE NEWS

Volunteering is always a good thing. You give back to the community, help a
good cause, benefit others, and you enrich your own skill set.

When considering what volunteer activities might be right for you, Roy
Speckhardt, Executive Director of the American Humanist Association, suggests
you consider the following:

- What do you value?
- What causes do you care about?
- What is your skill set?
- Do you like working with others, or alone?
- Do you want to impact local, national or international problems?

If you are thinking about volunteering, please consider the Humanist
Community in Silicon Valley. We depend on the efforts of volunteers to make
everything happen. It isn't that we want to "put you to work". Rather, we'd like
to "put you to help" in our efforts to fulfill our mission:

Building community for generations of humanists through education, fellowship, and service.

We pursue our mission primarily by providing programs that inform, inspire,
and offer opportunities for meaningful engagement with other humanists. We
also strive to impact our local area and our greater society through political
action and good deeds.

Behind everything we do are HCSV volunteers who would appreciate any help
that you can offer. Currently we need help with our membership, publicity, and
program committees. Here's a list of things that would be helpful:

- Perform administrative chores such as updating our member database
- Contact visitors and new members to invite them personally to
upcoming events and other opportunities to get acquainted
- Plan speaker forums and special events
- Lead a discussion group or a book club
- Bring a dish to share to Sunday's lunch
- Roll up your sleeves and help before, during or after events
- Host an outing to a movie, or a restaurant you've been wanting to try
- Post on Facebook and Twitter on behalf of our community
- Submit events to online newspapers like SanJose.com so more people
become aware of who we are and what we are doing!

I'd love to have the chance to help you explore how your efforts (large or
small) can benefit our community... and how much fun you can have in the
process! Please contact me after the forum, or via email at
debbieallen@humanists.org.

See you at Humanist House!
Debbie

Join Meetup for complete information for all our events.

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

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Calendar of Events

Free Thought Discussion

First Wednesday of the month: recent news. Other Wednesdays we will be discussing the book which we will select on September 6.

These 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

Academic Video

The Academic Video Group watches videos from *The Great Courses*, followed by discussion. We expect to finish *Great Philosophical*

Debates: Free Will and Determinism by Professor Shaun Nichols, and vote on a new video on September 7.

When: Thursdays, 8:00 PM

Where: Home of Hilton Brown in Mountain View

Info: Email brownofmntnview@gmail.com or call 650-941-3146

Movie Night for Skeptics

The Humanist Community and the Silicon Valley Skeptics invite you to watch *Judgment Day: Intelligent Design on Trial*, the award-winning NOVA documentary on the *Kitzmiller v. Dover Area School District* case.

When: 2nd Friday, September 8, 7:00 PM

Where: Humanist House

Video Game Development

Join us and learn the Unity 3d game engine (unity3d.com), the premier cross platform game engine.

When: Monday, September 11 & 25, 7:00 PM

Where: Humanist House

Citizens' Climate Lobby

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

When: Tuesday, September 12, 7:00 PM

Where: Humanist House

South Bay Philosophy and Critical Thinking

This is a roundtable discussion on the great questions. We touch on traditional philosophy themes to see how they fit in the current world. Everyone gets to speak and express their position, while we all listen to a wide range of experiences and backgrounds. Please bring a snack to share.

When: 2nd Thursday, September 14, 7:00 - 9:00 PM

Where: Humanist House

Movie Night - "Pump"

Pump (2014) is a documentary that tells the story of America's addiction to oil, from its corporate conspiracy beginnings to its current monopoly today, and explains how we can end it. Event host Ray Sundby will lead a discussion following the movie. Please bring a snack to share.

When: Friday, September 15, 7:15 PM

Where: Humanist House

Fun Group — Walnut Creek Public Art Walk

Bedford Gallery offers a one hour docent-led walking tour of Walnut Creek's wonderful downtown public art. The docents are trained by public art specialists and can offer information and insight appropriate for all ages. Wear comfortable shoes and bring sun screen.

When: Saturday, September 16, 11:00 AM, Meet at the main entrance.

Where: Leshner Center for the Arts, 1601 Civic Drive, Walnut Creek

Cost: Adults \$5, cash only

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

Ruth Bader Ginsburg Women's Group

Featuring discussion of timely events, and sharing about what's going on in your life!

This month we will have a report on a new book about communication by actor and serious science buff Alan Alda, *If I Understood You, Would I Have This Look on My Face?* Light refreshments will be served, and there will be a raffle.

When: 3rd Saturday, September 16, 2:00 PM

Where: Humanist House

Info: 708-739-5638 or senahav@gmail.com

Potluck Picnic at Penitencia Creek Park

Humanist House area is taken over by Avaya Stadium this weekend, so our potluck is outdoors!!! A beautiful park with a pond with ducks, a big area for kite flying, and grass. We should see a beautiful sunset. There are restrooms, some picnic tables, etc. All ages.

When: Saturday, September 16, 4:00 to 7:00 PM

Where: Penitencia Creek Park, 3050 Berryessa Rd, San Jose

Info: On Meetup

Social Action Meeting

Gather to plan social action projects and events. A postcard writing session addressing government issues will follow.

When: Sunday, September 17, 1:30 - 2:30 PM (cards 2:30 - 3:00 PM)

Where: Humanist House

Board Meeting

Meetings are open to all members of the Humanist Community.

When: 3rd Monday, September 18, 7:30 PM

Where: Humanist House

Potluck in Pacifica

The Humanist Potluck for September will be in beautiful Pacifica at the hillside home of Marie Stephens. RSVP appreciated.

Where: home of Marie Stephens in Pacifica.

When: Saturday, September 23 at 5:00 PM

Info: Marie at mInsl@att.net, 650-906-8144, or Sena at senahav@gmail.com, 408-739-5638

Game Night at Humanist House

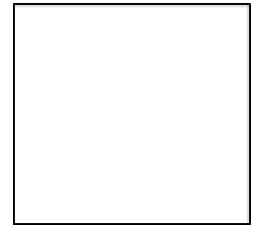
We'll choose between a variety of games including Trivial Pursuit (dividing into teams), Cards Against Humanity ("a party game for horrible people"), or ... bring your favorite. BYOB... beer and wine OK. We'll provide a few snacks, and feel free to bring your own favorite to share.

When: Friday, September 29, 7:30 PM

Where: Humanist House



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 11:00 AM Forum 12:30 PM Buffet Lunch	4 <i>Labor Day</i>	5 7:30 PM LifeRing	6 7:30 PM Free Thought Discussion	7 8:00 PM Academic Video	8 7:00 PM Skeptic Movie Night	9
10 11:00 AM Forum 12:30 PM Buffet Lunch	11 7:00 PM Video Game Development	12 7:00 PM Climate Lobby 7:30 PM LifeRing	13 7:30 PM Free Thought Discussion	14 7:00 PM Philosophy Group 8:00 PM Academic Video	15 7:15 PM Movie Night <i>Pump</i>	16 11:00 AM Fun Group 2:00 PM Ruth Bader Ginsburg Women's Group <div style="background-color: #0070C0; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> 4:00 to 7:00 PM Potluck Picnic at Penitencia Park </div>
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24 <i>Banned Book Week</i> 11:00 AM Forum 12:30 PM Buffet Lunch	25 7:00 PM Video Game Development	26 7:30 PM LifeRing	27 7:30 PM Free Thought Discussion	28 8:00 PM Academic Video	29 7:30 PM Game Night	30 <i>Blasphemy Day</i>

More details can be found at www.meetup.com/humanistcommunity. RSVP's are always helpful for planning purposes.