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Winter Holidays

Winter is a big time for holidays in the U.S. and in most of the world. In the northern hemisphere, where so many of our cultural traditions come from, mid-winter is the shortest day of the year and people get much less of the sun's warmth. But they knew that the days would soon start to lengthen and the world will become more lush, farms would yield crops, animals would mate and multiply and the climate would become more comfortable.

Like other peoples, we Humanists like to mark this special time of year. And, like the Christian religion did with the druids and others, we adopt the existing celebrations and make them our own. We put up bright decorations, join with family members for a sumptuous meal, and often exchange gifts.

The holiday season seem to be made for us. It gives us time off work for whatever we choose to celebrate. There are purely secular events like New Year's Day (calendar based) and the Winter Solstice. Human Light was created by the New Jersey Humanist Network in 2001 to be celebrated on December 23 so it wouldn't encroach on other adjacent holidays.

Remember the love and basic decency of all people.

Happy Festivus! (Look it up.)

Elections for the Board of the Humanist Community are Coming Up

The elections will be held in February. By our bylaws a list of candidates must be presented to the Humanist Community membership nine weeks before the end of December. Marie Stephens is the head of the nominating committee. If you would like to serve on the board, or if you can know someone who would like to serve you can contact Marie at mlns1@att.net

Thanksgiving

Thank you Jeff Justice for opening your wonderful house to us for thanksgiving and to Chris Vogdes and Jan Altman for organizing, and to the many others for providing wonderful dishes and for doing so much to make it a success, and for bringing the diverse members of the Humanist Community and the Atheist Abbey together for this event.





EVENTS

December 2019

Sunday

Mon.

Tues.

Wed.

Thur.

Fri.

Sat.

1 11:00 AM Sunday Forum
Is the World Getting Better, and
What Constitutes Happiness?
Two Videos and a Discussion
12:30 PM Buffet Lunch



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4 7:00 PM
Freethought
Discussion



5 Thursday Video needs a
location once a month each
A White Wall Will Do!
Really!



8 11:00 AM Sunday Forum
Zero Waste and Bicycle Touring
Tim Oey
12:30 PM Buffet Lunch

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11 7:00 PM
Freethought
Discussion
Contact Carl for
location



12 7:00 PM
Academic Video
Contact Carl for
location



15 11:00 AM Sunday Forum
Against the Wind:
What's the Deal with Free Will?
Michael Abramson
12:30 PM Buffet Lunch
1:00 Social Action Meeting

16 7:PM
Board
Meeting
Members Welcome



17 Sunnyvale
Shelter Dinner
for Homeless
Led by Humanists
Social Action Event
Monthly
408-734-2635

18 7:30 PM
Inquiring Minds
408-246-3790
7:00 PM
Freethought
Discussion



19 7:00 PM
Academic Video
Contact Carl for
location



22 11:00 AM Sunday Forum
Approval Voting is the Easiest
Way to Fix Major Problems
Jeff Justice

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12:30 Festive Solstice Lunch

29 No Forum This Sunday

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Keep the Sol in Solstice!