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Democrat or Republican?

A Humanist Perspective

On Monday, October 16, at the Unitarian Society of New Haven, 700 Hartford Turnpike, Hamden, we will be fortunate to have a presentation of the two major parties' point of views presented with a humanist perspective.

Representing the Republican point of view, we are pleased to present Theodore Johnson, M.D. Dr. Johnson is a graduate of Harvard College and of the Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons. Now retired, Dr. Johnson practiced obstetrics and gynecology for thirty-three years. He has been a member of the New Britain Unitarian Universalist Society for thirty-four years.

Representing the Democratic point of view, we are pleased to present William Goward, Ph.D. Dr. Goward received his B.S. and M.S. in chemistry from the University of Alberta, and his Ph.D. in chemistry from Princeton. Dr. Goward began his career in the chemistry of nuclear materials for submarines at Westinghouse, but in 1965 changed his focus to high temperature coatings, first at Pratt and Whitney Aircraft and later at Turbine Components Corporation. Now retired, Dr. Goward is a consultant in the field of

Calendar of Events

OCTOBER

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| Fri., 6 | Humanist Conversations at 700 Hartford Turnpike. | 7:30 p.m. |
| Mon., 16 | Monthly meeting at USNH, 700 Hartford Turnpike.
Coffee and conversation. | 7:30 p.m. |
| | Main program: The Presidential election from a Humanist perspective | 8:00 p.m. |
| Sun., 22 | Board meeting at USNH, 700 Hartford Turnpike. | 1:30 p.m. |

NOVEMBER

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| Fri., 3 | Humanist Conversations at 700 Hartford Turnpike.
Discussion of "The Balance of Power," an episode of the PBS series "The American President." | 7:30 p.m. |
| Mon., 20 | Monthly meeting at USNH, 700 Hartford Turnpike.
Coffee and conversation. | 7:30 p.m. |
| | Main Program: Mickey Koth presents "Margaret Knight: Humanist Sheroe" | 8:00 p.m. |
| Sun., 26 | Board meeting at USNH, 700 Hartford Turnpike. | 1:30 p.m. |

DECEMBER

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| TBA | Humanist Conversations at 700 Hartford Turnpike. | 7:30 p.m. |
| Mon., 18 | Monthly meeting at USNH, 700 Hartford Turnpike.
Coffee and conversation. | 7:30 p.m. |
| | Annual meeting and solstice party | 8:00 p.m. |
| Sun., 24 | Board meeting at USNH, 700 Hartford Turnpike. | 1:30 p.m. |

high temperature coatings for electrical power generation. Dr. Goward is a past president and thirty-eight year member of the Unitarian Society of New Haven and charter member of the Humanist Association of Central Connecticut.

The format of the discussion provides the following features:

A five minute introduction on what does humanism mean to me in governing a nation?

Religion and politics - how far do we go?

Death Penalty - to what extent?

Education - vouchers pro and con?

Welfare - necessary or better solutions?

Taxes - what's fair?

Immigration - is there a limit?

After three minutes for each of the above, questions will be taken from the audience.

The evening will begin at 7:30 p.m. with half an hour of coffee and conversation and the discussion at 8:00 p.m. Please join us and bring a friend!

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Humanist Conversations

The next Humanist Conversation will be on Friday, Nov. 3 at 7:30 p.m. at the Unitarian Society of New Haven, 700 Hartford Turnpike, Hamden. The topic will be "The American President: An Office and Its Power: The Balance of Power." We will view a video from the PBS series "The American President." Each episode of the series deals with specific presidents. This one, "The Balance of Power," covers Madison, Polk, Taft, and Clinton, and it: "examines presidential leadership in an era of an increasingly divided government. The American presidency was conceived as one part of a larger system of institutions, and its effectiveness rests in part upon a good measure of cooperation among the branches. The presidents arrayed in this episode suggest four different conceptions of governance within a constitutionally structured balancing act."

The video is one hour long. We will order pizza ahead of time (ordering the usual: bacon and extra red sauce; veggies; and one other) so that it will arrive by 7:30. Instead of popcorn, we will have pizza to munch while watching the video. Discussion will follow the video. Coffee and tea will be provided. For more information, call (203) 498-8333 or e-mail Mickey Koth at mkoth@snet.net.

Humanist Sheroe

On Monday, November 20, at 7:30 p.m. at the Unitarian Society of New Haven, 700 Hartford Turnpike, Hamden, Mickey Koth will introduce us to the outspoken humanist Margaret Knight. What did she do in 1950's England that was heroic? Join us to find out! Read next month's newsletter for a short biographical introduction.

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