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## *Has Death With Dignity Delivered?*

The speaker for our regular monthly meeting Monday, March 19, at 7:30 p.m. will be Paul LaCombe, member of the Board of Directors of the Hemlock Society since 1999. His topic will be "Has Death With Dignity Delivered? A Humanist Overview of the Issue."

Paul's versatility as an artist and educator is demonstrated by his having taught foreign language, fine arts, and environmental science—all at the college and secondary levels. He was Founding Member and President of the Unitarian Universalist (UU) Fellowship of Paris in 1986-7, President of the European UU in 1989, and Secretary of the European UU, 1993-1996. He conducted a workshop on Death With Dignity at the UU General Assembly in 2000.

Join us at the Unitarian Society of New Haven, 700 Hartford Turnpike, Hamden, on Monday, February 19. We will have coffee and conversation at 7:30 p.m. and the presentation will begin at 8:00 p.m. Bring a friend!

## *Calendar of Events*

### **MARCH**

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| Fri., 9  | Humanist Conversations at 700 Hartford Turnpike. "The Social Necessity of Nurture"                            | 7:30 p.m.  |
| Sat., 10 | New London discussion group at the Mystic Noank Library. Topic: "The Role of Arts in Society."                | 10:15 a.m. |
| Thu., 15 | Dinner at Gabriele Restaurant, 326 Boston Post Road, Orange.  | 7:30 p.m.  |
| Mon., 19 | Monthly meeting at USNH, 700 Hartford Tnpk. Coffee and conversation.  | 7:30 p.m.  |
|          | Main program: Paul LaCombe, "Has Death With Dignity Delivered?"   | 8:00 p.m.  |
| Thu., 22 | Nash Boutros, M.D. at Yale, "The Brain & Belief." Room 217, Linsly-Chittenden Hall, 63 High Street, New Haven | 8:00 p.m.  |
| Sun., 25 | Board meeting at USNH, 700 Hartford Turnpike.   | 1:30 p.m.  |

### **APRIL**

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| Fri., 13 | Humanist Conversations at 700 Hartford Turnpike. "Superstitions."                 | 7:30 p.m. |
| Mon., 16 | Monthly meeting at USNH, 700 Hartford Tnpk. Coffee and conversation.              | 7:30 p.m. |
|          | Main program: Doug Peary's "Humanist Hero: Thomas Henry Huxley, Darwin's Bulldog" | 8:00 p.m. |
| Sun., 22 | Board meeting at USNH, 700 Hartford Turnpike.                                     | 1:30 p.m. |

### **MAY**

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| TBA                  | Humanist Conversations at 700 Hartford Turnpike.  | 7:30 p.m. |
| Fri., 18 to Sun., 20 | The 60th Annual Conference of the American Humanist Association, Sheraton Four Points Hotel LAX in Los Angeles, CA                                    |           |
| Mon., 21             | Our 12th Anniversary meeting at USNH, 700 Hartford Tnpk. Featuring Walter Wells and music by Mickey Koth's group Wild Notes. Coffee and conversation. | 7:30 p.m. |
|                      | Main program.   | 8:00 p.m. |
| Sun., 27             | Board meeting at USNH, 700 Hartford Turnpike.   | 1:30 p.m. |

## *AHA Annual Meeting*

The American Humanist Association will hold its 60th annual meeting May 18- 20 in Los Angeles. Visit them on the internet at <http://www.humanist.net> for a complete lineup of events and speakers!

**MEMBERSHIP DUES**

Adult . . . . . \$35  
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**Humanist Conversations**

The next Humanist Conversation is Friday, March 9, at 7:30 p.m. at the Unitarian Society of New Haven, 700 Hartford Turnpike, Hamden. We'll discuss an article from the Jan/Feb 2001 Humanist entitled "The Social Necessity of Nurturance," by Betty McCollister, who has written extensively on women's issues and other Humanist concerns. McCollister takes as one of her main themes the quotation from Loren Eiseley, "[We are] born of love and [exist] by reason of a love more continuous than in any other form of life." You and your friends are warmly invited to come join the discussion. Call (203) 498-8333 or e-mail ([mkoth@snet.net](mailto:mkoth@snet.net)) Mickey Koth for more information.

As usual, we will order out for pizza, so bring your research, opinions and appetite!

**"The Brain & Belief"**

Our own Nash Boutros, M.D., of the Yale Department of Psychiatry will give a reprise of his "Brain and Belief" talk to the Yale College Humanists and Secularists and the general public on Thursday, March 22. This will be held at 8:00 p.m. on the Yale campus in room 217 of Linsly-Chittenden Hall, which is located at 63 High Street in New Haven. Linsly-Chittenden is less than a block from Chapel Street. Members of the association are invited. If you didn't hear Nash's talk before you really missed something; and even if you did, it's worth hearing again.

**Mystic-Noank Discussion**

The next meeting of the Mystic-Noank humanist discussion group is scheduled for February 3, 2001 at 10:15 am. As usual it will be at the Mystic Noank Library, 40 Library St., Mystic. The library telephone number is (860) 536-7721.

The topic for this meeting will be the place of the arts in our society and the question of public funding for the arts, be they painting, music, theater, etc.

If you need more information, please contact George or Paula Marcus at [gminnoank@worldnet.att.net](mailto:gminnoank@worldnet.att.net) or (860) 572-9188.

**Dinner Meeting**

Our occasional dinner meeting series resumes for the spring on Thursday, March 15th with a visit to Gabriele, an Italian restaurant at 326 Boston Post Road in Orange.

Please RSVP to Carol Stone (e-mail [editor@cthumanist.org](mailto:editor@cthumanist.org) or phone (203) 264-8546) by March 12th so we can get a rough headcount. We'll meet in the private room at the front of the restaurant about 7:30 p.m.

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