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## Solstice Party, December 16

As has been our tradition for many years, our Humanist Solstice party will feature Lois Woodrow reading her poem "The Tilt," honoring the inclination of the Earth's axis that makes a solstice party possible. Mickey Koth and members of her Wild Notes ensemble will play folk tunes.

We are preparing a special game this year - the name of a humanist will be placed on your back and you will ask yes/no questions to determine who you might be!

The auction will be raffle-style this year. You will buy chances for the items you want and the winners of each item will be drawn at the end of the evening. Unsure what to bring? Items which have done well in the past have included books, trinkets, and music.

Bring something for the pot luck!

We may even do a little planning to see when people might be available for future events, so bring your 2003 calendar!

We will also have a brief business meeting to elect officers for the coming year. This whole exciting affair will take place on Monday, December 16, at 7:30 p.m. in the Children's Chapel. Come and bring a friend!

## Calendar of Events

### DECEMBER, 2002

Sat., 14	Conversations, USNH, 700 Hartford Turnpike Women's issues and Taslima Nasrin	3:30 p.m.
Mon., 16	Annual meeting and Solstice Party, USNH, 700 Hartford Turnpike Coffee and conversation	7:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.
	Elections, followed by games, music and auction.	8:00 p.m.
Wed., 18	Dinner at Connecticut's oldest inn, the Curtis House, Main Street South, Woodbury	7:00 p.m.

### JANUARY, 2003

Sat., 11	Conversations, USNH, 700 Hartford Turnpike [Name deleted] reports on the Godless Americans March on Washington.	3:30 p.m.
Mon., 13	Dinner at Gabriele Restaurant, 326 Boston Post Road, Orange	7:00 p.m.
Mon., 20	Monthly meeting, USNH, 700 Hartford Tnpk. Coffee and conversation Doug Peary — <i>Why I am a Humanist</i>	7:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m. 7:50 p.m.
	Main program. Walter Wells — <i>Italian Humanists</i>	8:00 p.m.
Wed., 22	Dinner at Connecticut's oldest inn, the Curtis House, Main Street South, Woodbury	7:00 p.m.
Sun., 26	Board meeting, USNH, 700 Hartford Turnpike	2:00 p.m.

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## Mystic/Noank Socializing

The Mystic/Noank group is meeting Sunday December 15 at the Marcus home at 2:00 p.m. for coffee, cookies, socializing, and some thoughts about future topics. If you need directions call George at (860) 449-0800.

## Thanksgiving Thank-you

Once again HACC members supported June Schafer and the Interfaith Cooperative Ministries in providing 400 Thanksgiving dinners to the homebound and homeless in New Haven.

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# Humanist Conversations

On the 11th and 12th of last month members of the Humanist group and the Yale Freethought group we sponsor met with Taslima Nasrin, doctor and author from Bangladesh who has spoken out strongly against the treatment of women in her country. For this her writings have been banned and a bounty of \$10,000 has been placed on her head.

At our next Humanist Conversations meeting at 3:30 p.m. Saturday, December 14, we will discuss women's rights around the world in the context of her visit here, her ideas, and the first volume of her memoirs, *Meyebela: My Bengali Girlhood*, which has just appeared in English translation (it's available at Atticus and the Yale Bookstore). Light refreshments will be served.

# Proposed Slate of Officers

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