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CSH Affiliate

“Ethical Culture, My Religion” — Sunday, May 20, 3:00 p.m.

We take great pleasure in announcing that Ellen McBride of Westport will be the speaker for our 18th anniversary celebration to be held on Sunday, May 20, at 3:00 p.m. at 700 Hartford Turnpike in Hamden. Ellen’s topic will be “Ethical Culture, My Religion.” An attorney by profession, Ellen is a past president of the American Ethical Union (AEU), which cooperates with many other Ethical and Humanist organizations around the world in the International Humanist and Ethical Union.

In his 1860 essay “Worship” Ralph Waldo Emerson set forth this vision: “There shall be a new church founded on moral science, at first cold and naked, a babe in a manger again, the algebra and mathematics of ethical law, the church of men [sic] to come, without shawms or psaltery, or sackbut; but it will have heaven and earth for its beams and rafters; science for symbol and illustrations; it will fast enough gather beauty, music, picture and poetry.”

Inspired in part by Emerson’s vision, and like him a supporter of the Free Religious Movement, the much younger Felix Adler

Calendar of Events

Unless otherwise noted, all programs are held at USNH, 700 Hartford Turnpike, Hamden, CT. RSVP for dinners at humanism.meetup.com.

MAY, 2007

Sat., 5	Humanist Conversations, <i>Enron: The Smartest Guys in the Room</i> .	2:30 p.m.
Mon., 7	Social Dinner at Pasta Fair, 262 Boston Post Road, Orange. (203) 799-9601 for directions.	7:00 p.m.
Sun., 20	18th Anniversary meeting Main program: Ellen McBride, former president of the American Ethical Union	3:00 p.m. 3:30 p.m.
Sun., 27	Board meeting	2:30 p.m.
Thu., 31	Hartford-Area Dinner at Lemongrass, 7 South Main Street, West Hartford. (860) 233-4405.	7:00 p.m.

JUNE, 2007

Sat., 2	Picnic at the Raffords, 57 Clearview Knoll, Middlebury	12 noon to 4 p.m.
TBA	Humanist Conversations: topic TBA	2:30 p.m.
Mon., 11	Social Dinner at Pasta Fair, 262 Boston Post Road, Orange. (203) 799-9601 for directions.	7:00 p.m.
TBA	Monthly meeting Main program: TBA	7:30 p.m. 8:00 p.m.
Sun., 24	Board meeting	2:30 p.m.
Thu., 28	Hartford-Area Dinner at Mediza Mediterranean Restaurant, 35B Lasalle Road, West Hartford. (860) 233-3370.	7:00 p.m.
Sat., 30	Book Group: <i>The Undercover Economist</i> by Tim Harford.	3:30 p.m.

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(1851-1933), son of a New York City immigrant rabbi, founded the Society for Ethical Culture in New York City in 1876.

Other Ethical Culture Societies quickly formed in Chicago,

Philadelphia, and St. Louis, and in 1889 these joined to form the AEU, which today has some 25 congregations in major cities of the United States.

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Ethical Culture – Continued from front page

Ethical Culture is based on these four principles:

- Every person has inherent worth; each person is unique.
- It is our responsibility to improve the quality of life for ourselves and others.
- Ethics is derived from human experience.
- Life is sacred, interrelated and interdependent.

Ellen is an impressive speaker, and we are proud to present her on the occasion of our anniversary. The event will begin at 3:00 p.m. with a half-hour of conversation and refreshments, including an anniversary cake! Ellen’s talk will begin at 3:30, and will be followed by an opportunity for questions and discussion. Bring a friend!

Conversations: The Enron Movie

Join us for Humanist Conversations on Saturday, May 5 at 2:30 p.m. at 700 Hartford Turnpike in Hamden, when we’ll be watching the movie of *Enron: the Smartest Guys in the Room*. Since the movie is almost two hours long, we’ll have to discuss it another time.

Refreshments will be served.

Read The Undercover Economist

Join us on Saturday, June 30 from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at USNH, 700 Hartford Turnpike in Hamden when we will discuss *The Undercover Economist: Exposing Why the Rich Are Rich, Why the Poor Are Poor—And Why You Can Never Buy a Decent Used Car!* by Financial Times columnist Tim Harford.

“Harford writes like a dream – and is also one of the leading economic thinkers of his generation. [...] Reading *The Undercover Economist* is like spending an ordinary day wearing X-ray goggles.”

David Bodanis, author of *E=mc²* and *Electric Universe*

West Hartford Atheists

The Connecticut Valley Atheists have a Yahoo Group at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/CTValleyAtheist/join>. Join to be kept up-to-date with their activities and events! They host a social dinner on the first Wednesday of every month at the GoldRoc Diner, exit 44 off I-84, 61 Kane Street in West Hartford at 7:00 p.m.

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