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CSH Affiliate

Solstice Celebration!

Come to our annual Humanist celebration of the season following our Annual Meeting (see page 2) on Monday, December 17! Please bring a dish for the pot luck and an item or two for the silent auction.

We will offer a varied program, including the traditional reading of Lois Woodrow's "Ode To The Tilt." Mickey Koth has again agreed to share some selections with us, and Charlotte Moulyn will again play music worthy of her beautiful instrument. We'll also hear something completely new to our Winter Solstice gatherings: Steve Boshi, a veteran of many years on Broadway, will be joined by three of our other instrumentalists in tuneful arrangements of some familiar Strauss waltzes. Don't miss this special treat!

Join us on Monday, December 17, at 7:30 p.m. at 700 Hartford Turnpike in Hamden!

Calendar of Events

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

DECEMBER

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| Mon., 17 | Pot-luck dinner | 7:30 p.m. |
| | Annual meeting and elections, followed by Solstice Party and silent auction. | 8:00 p.m. |
| Sat., 22 | Book Discussion: "Breakfast with Buddha" by Roland Merullo | 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. |
| Tue., 25 | Annual brunch at Pacific Buffet, 20 Ives Rd #301C, Wallingford. (203) 269-6888 | 12:00 noon |

JANUARY

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| Sat., 5 | Humanist Conversations: TBA | 2:30 p.m. |
| Mon., 7 | Social Dinner at Turkish Kebab House, 1157 Campbell Ave., West Haven. (203) 933-0002 | 7:00 p.m. |
| Sat., 19 | Book Discussion: "Freefall" by Joseph Stiglitz | 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. |
| Mon., 21 | Monthly Meeting | 7:30 p.m. |
| | Main program: Steve and Susan Boshi on their trip to Italy. | 8:00 p.m. |
| Sun., 27 | Board meeting | 2:30 p.m. |
| Tue., 29 | Social Dinner at Wood-n-Tap, 12 Town Line Road, Rocky Hill. (860) 571-9444 | 7:00 p.m. |

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USNH Cinema - The New Jim Crow

This event will be held Friday, December 7, at 700 Hartford Turnpike in Hamden. The optional pot-luck dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. followed by the screening promptly at 7:00 p.m.

We will view and discuss two short DVDs showing complementary presentations by Michelle Alexander, author of this year's UUA Common Read, *The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness*. Alexander is an associate professor of law at Ohio State University and former director of the ACLU's Racial Justice Project in Northern California. She is also a riveting speaker. In her book's superbly documented account she argues persuasively that our "justice" system has become a legal system for institutionalized racism, discrimination, and exclusion. You won't want to miss this!

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Details of 2012 Annual Meeting

Come cast your vote Monday, December 17! We will vote on the slate of officers, on the by-laws distributed at the November meeting, and on the proposal to join the Connecticut Coalition of Secular Organizations and select representatives thereto. Remember, only members may vote, and nominations may be made from the floor.

Proposed January — December 2013 slate of officers:

President – June Schafer
Vice President – Richard Siddall
Treasurer – Carol Podgwaite
Secretary – Deidre Kennedy
Committee Chairs:
Programs – David Schafer Development – Manny Ratafia
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Respectfully submitted by the Nominating Committee: Joan Rafford, June Schafer, and Gayle Walter

“Breakfast with Buddha”

On Saturday, December 22 at 3:00 p.m. at 700 Hartford Turnpike in Hamden, we will discuss Roland Merullo's, "Breakfast with Buddha." You can find this easy read in bookstores or search the Connecticut libraries at www.cslib.org/iconnsitemap/staff/SiteIndex.aspx.

When his sister tricks him into taking her guru on a trip to their childhood home, Otto Ringling is not amused. Six days on the road with an enigmatic holy man who answers every question with a riddle is not what he'd planned. But in an effort to westernize his passenger, and amuse himself, he decides to show the monk some "American fun" along the way. From a chocolate factory in Hershey to a bowling alley in South Bend, Otto is given the remarkable opportunity to see his world and life through someone else's eyes.

Refreshments will be served.

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