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## Cohousing and Sociocracy

Cohousing started in Denmark in the 1960s and was brought to the United States in the 1970s. Although there are several cohousing communities in other New England states, Rocky Corner in Bethany is the first in Connecticut to actually break ground.

As a type of intentional community, a cohousing community may cover many acres or less than a city block, but it conforms to principles that foster social relationships among its residents.

Community participation and self-management are hallmarks of cohousing. The self-governance model that has been proven successful in cohousing communities is called sociocracy.

Intrigued yet? Join us on Monday, October 15 at 7:00 p.m. at 700 Hartford Turnpike in Hamden for an educational presentation on cohousing and sociocracy by educator and founding member of Green Haven Cohousing, Marie Pulito. Marie has been working on the Rocky Corner project since 2006.

There are still a few houses available at Rocky Corner. If you want more information, go to [www.rockycorner.org](http://www.rockycorner.org).

We will start with a half hour of coffee and conversation at 7:00 p.m. followed by Marie's presentation at about 7:30 p.m. Feel free to bring a friend!

## Socks Needed!

SOCKS are the item of clothing MOST NEEDED at homeless shelters in New Haven, and the least often donated. Please bring new warm socks to the front desk of the library on Elm Street, or bring them to any HAC event and I will deliver them to the library for you.

Thank you. — Gayle Walter

## Calendar of Events

Unless otherwise noted, all programs are held at USNH, 700 Hartford Turnpike, Hamden, CT. RSVP for dinners at [meetup.com/cthumanist](http://meetup.com/cthumanist).

### OCTOBER 2018

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| Mon., 1  | Social Dinner at Turkish Kebab House, 1157 Campbell Ave., West Haven. (203) 933-0002                          | 7:00 p.m             |
| Sat., 6  | Explorations: Surviving Mengele   | 2:30 p.m             |
| Mon., 15 | Monthly Meeting   | 7:00 p.m             |
|          | Main program: Marie Pulito — "Cohousing and Sociocracy"   | 7:30 p.m             |
| Sat., 20 | Book Discussion: "Brother, I'm Dying" by Edwidge Danticat   | 2:00 p.m to 4:00 p.m |
| Sun., 21 | Board meeting   | 3:30 p.m             |
| Mon., 22 | Dinner Discussion at the Wood-n-Tap, 2100 Dixwell Avenue, Hamden, CT. (203) 248-9663. Topic: Meatless Mondays | 7:00 p.m             |

### NOVEMBER 2018

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| Sat., 3  | Explorations: Immigrant Prisons  | 2:30 p.m             |
| Mon., 5  | Social Dinner at Turkish Kebab House, 1157 Campbell Ave., West Haven. (203) 933-0002             | 7:00 p.m             |
| Sat., 17 | Book Discussion: "The Wizard and the Prophet" by Charles C. Mann                                 | 2:00 p.m to 4:00 p.m |
| Mon., 19 | Monthly Meeting  | 7:00 p.m             |
|          | Main program: Attorney Aaron J. Romano — "Race, Politics and Cannabis"                           | 7:30 p.m             |
| Sun., 25 | Board meeting  | 3:30 p.m             |
| Mon., 26 | Dinner Discussion at the Wood-n-Tap, 2100 Dixwell Avenue, Hamden, CT. (203) 248-9663. Topic: TBA | 7:00 p.m             |

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## Six Hundred Thanksgiving Dinners!

Meals on Wheels does not deliver on Thanksgiving, so Interfaith Volunteer Care Givers (IVCG) and Downtown Evening Soup Kitchen (DESK) have taken 600 of the names of frail and elderly people to prepare and deliver their dinners. We need pies and frozen turkeys, drivers to deliver the dinners, and financial support to buy other necessary items.

If you can provide any of these please call me, June Schafer, at 203-281-6232 by Sunday, November 18, for further instructions. Checks should be written to "IVCG" with "Thanksgiving for all" in the corner below, and mailed to me at 27 Thornton Street, Hamden CT 06517.

Your help will be deeply appreciated!  
— June Schafer

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**Discussion: Meatless Mondays?**

Have you heard of the public health awareness campaign started in 2003 called “Meatless Monday?” “Our goal is to reduce meat consumption by 15% for our personal health and the health of the planet.” (source: <https://tinyurl.com/y86sbgg6>) Care2 has a list of reasons to reduce meat consumption <https://tinyurl.com/yb4mqdon>. *Scientific American* printed an excerpt of a Vaclav Smil’s book, “Should We Eat Meat?” (<https://tinyurl.com/y7f67nxy>), if you’re up to a longer read. Finally, *TIME* printed an article that doesn’t claim we need meat in our diet now, but it does claim our ancestors needed meat to survive (<https://tinyurl.com/jv92huy>). What do you think. Is joining this global movement the humanist thing to do?

Join us at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, October 22 at the Wood-n-Tap at 2100 Dixwell Avenue in Hamden. Please RSVP via [meetup](mailto:meetup) or [programs@cthumanist.org](mailto:programs@cthumanist.org).

**Book Discussion: The Wizard and the Prophet**

In November and December we will be reading books by two critically acclaimed authors we have enjoyed at previous discussions.

The selection for November 17 will be “The Wizard and the Prophet: Two Remarkable Scientists and Their Dueling Visions to Shape Tomorrow’s World” by Charles C. Mann, an incisive portrait of the two little-known twentieth-century scientists, Norman Borlaug and William Vogt, whose diametrically opposed views shaped our ideas about the environment, laying the groundwork for how people in the twenty-first century will choose to live in tomorrow’s world.. Mann is the best-selling, award-winning author of *1491* and *1493*.

“Mann is a compelling and forensic analyst of big tipping points in human affairs.” —Fred Pearce, *The Washington Post*

“Mann’s storytelling skills are unmatched. . . . The great virtue of Mann’s book—and much of his journalism over many years—is that it raises very large questions . . . that are usually either ignored or answered in slogans. He provides detail enough, and simplicity enough, that anyone who is struggling with these puzzles will be enlightened and informed. And entertained, which, given the subject matter, is no small feat.” —Bill McKibben, *The New York Times Book Review*

“Brilliant . . . The author’s science journalism shines.” —William Easterly, *The Wall Street Journal*

The selection for December 15 will be “The Rise and Fall of Adam and Eve” by Stephen Greenblatt, author of “The Swerve.”

**Explorations: Immigrant Prisons**

Join us at 2:30 p.m. in the library at 700 Hartford Turnpike on Saturday, November 3 when we will watch the *Immigrant Prison Series* from Brave New Films to learn more about the immigrant prison industry. This series includes four short documentaries: *Immigrant Prisons*, *Immigrants for Sale*, *No More Detention: Free Pastor Noe*, and *Trauma at the Border*. With the current surge of anti-immigrant rhetoric, stock in the immigrant prison industry is skyrocketing and more ICE agents are being hired to patrol communities and lock up immigrants all while giant corporations turn a profit. A discussion will follow.

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