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The HUMANIST ASSOCIATION of CONNECTICUT

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UU Humanists Local Group

Monthly Meeting:

Travelogue

Steve and Susan Boshi

Monday, January 20, 7:00 PM at USNH

This night will be an armchair trip through Germany, a land of culture and beauty. The Boshis will share their visit through both small towns and major cities, and describe for us the history, art, and architecture of this fascinating place.

Darwin Day Dinner

Saturday, February 8, 6:00 PM

DARWIN DAY, sponsored by Maritime Aquarium at Norwalk, HFFC, and others, is an international celebration of science and humanity held around Charles Darwin's February 12th birthday. This is the 12th annual Darwin Day dinner held in Fairfield County. It celebrates the discoveries and life of the man, and expresses gratitude for the enormous benefits that scientific knowledge, acquired through human curiosity and ingenuity, has contributed to the advancement of humanity.

Dr. Steven Novella is the speaker. The title of his talk is "Science Denial, Darwin, & Evolutionary Theory."

Apply here: <https://www.darwindayct.org>

Date: Saturday, Feb 8, 2020

Time: 6 pm Cocktail Hour, 7 pm Dinner

At: The Italian Center,

1620 Newfield Ave; Stamford, CT

Calendar of Events

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

JANUARY 2020

Sat. 4	Explorations, "Stanford White"	2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Mon. 6	Social Dinner at Turkish Kebab House 1157 Campbell Ave., West Haven	7:00 p.m.
Sat. 18	Book Discussion: "Where Do We Go From Here?" by Martin Luther King, Jr.	2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Mon. 20	Monthly Meeting, "Travelogue," travelers Steve and Susan Boshi	7:00 p.m.
Sun. 26	Board Meeting	3:30 p.m.
Mon. 27	Dinner Discussion at the Wood-n-Tap 2100 Dixwell Avenue, Hamden Topic: "Alain de Botton: Atheism 2.0"	7:00 p.m.

FEBRUARY 2020

Sat. 1	Explorations, TBD	2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Mon. 3	Social Dinner at Turkish Kebab House 1157 Campbell Ave., West Haven	7:00 p.m.
Sat. 15	Book Discussion: "In a Different Voice" by Carol Gilligan	2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Mon. 17	Monthly Meeting, "Secular Transcendence," Speaker Tom Krattenmaker	7:00 p.m.
Sun. 23	Board Meeting	3:30 p.m.
Mon. 24	Dinner Discussion at the Wood-n-Tap 2100 Dixwell Avenue, Hamden Topic: TBD	7:00 p.m.

Time to Renew Your HAC Membership

Mail to 700 Hartford Turnpike, Hamden, CT 06517-2214 OR bring a check or cash to the January monthly meeting: \$35 individual, \$50 family, \$10 for the postal newsletter only.

Find the membership form here:

<https://www.cthumanist.org/documents/renewal.pdf>

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We Celebrated the Winter Solstice!

Thanks to all who contributed to making our December 16 Potluck Dinner, Annual Meeting, and Solstice Celebration such a memorable event. It was truly a Team effort!

About 35 people attended. Special thanks to Mickey Koth and "Wry Bred," Sue Greene, Jim Ritter, and Doug Peary. Thanks to Gayle for collecting 80 pairs of Socks for the Socks for the Homeless drive!

Upcoming Social Action

Make a Note that March 9-16 is the week that USNH will operate an Overflow Shelter, "Abraham's Tent," in the Social Hall. HAC has offered to assist with a dinner and/or an overnight supervision shift. See Gayle for further

Explorations: Stanford White -- Jan 4, 2:30 p.m.

White was one of America's most brilliant architects and designers. With an inventive mind and a sharp eye, he created a massive amount of the country's great buildings, like The Boston Public Library, Pennsylvania Station, Gilded Age palaces in Newport, Rhode Island, Madison Square Garden, and many others. He designed Old Cabell Hall at the University of Virginia and rebuilt the Rotunda there following the fire of 1895. Join us to learn about and appreciate this wonderful creative mind, whose creations continue to enrich our lives today.

Book Discussion: Where Do We Go From Here? By Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

-- Jan 18, 2:30 p.m.

In 1967, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., isolated himself from the demands of the civil rights movement, rented a house in Jamaica with no telephone, and labored over his final manuscript. In this prophetic work...he lays out his thoughts, plans, and dreams for America's future, including the need for better jobs, higher wages, decent housing, and quality education. With a universal message of hope that continues to resonate, King demanded an end to global suffering, asserting that humankind – for the first time – has the resources and technology to eradicate poverty. –from Amazon

Wood-n-Tap Dinner Discussion: "Alain de Botton: Atheism 2.0" -- Jan 27, 7 p.m., Hamden

In his July, 2011, TED talk, Alain de Botton suggests a "religion for atheists" that incorporates religious forms and traditions to satisfy our human need for connection, ritual and transcendence. De Botton is a Swiss-born British philosopher and author. "Religion for Atheists: A Non-Believer's Guide to the Uses of Religion," is one of his fifteen published books and he passionately presents his thesis for this topic in this talk--can one benefit from the wisdom and power of religion without having to believe in any of it, and how? Do you find anything new or compelling in his presentation? Bring your thoughts!

https://www.ted.com/talks/alain_de_botton_atheism_2_0



Editor's Corner

"To define twentieth-century humanism briefly, I would say that it is a philosophy of joyous service for the greater good of all humanity in this natural world and advocating the methods of reason, science, and democracy." -- Corliss Lamont
Can we still say the same for the 21st century? I think so!