In 1999, calling itself the Waverly Extended Family, a group of loosely affiliated religious and civic organizations in New Haven descended upon a small housing project, the Waverly Town Houses, to do a little old-fashioned child saving. Members provide math tutoring, seek scholarship money for private schools and summer camp, mediate with school or police officials, and offer time, advice, and support for some 75 at-risk youngsters. It is easy to conclude that the Waverly Extended Family bears out some of the hopes of civil-society optimists.

The Waverly program that Sharon will speak about is sponsored by USNH, and Sharon is the coordinator on the USNH end. June Schafer was very involved from its early days. This is why we asked Sharon to speak and why HAC made the $500 gift to the Waverly Project as a memorial to June.

Humanist Explorations - September 5 - 2:30 p.m.
The Syphilis Enigma
Syphilis arrived in Spain in the 1490s with Columbus and his crew when they returned from the New World. In this Timeline documentary, a researcher discovers evidence of syphilis long prior to the discovery of the New World. What was learned about syphilis raises questions about the possible unintended consequences of social distancing due to COVID-19.

Watch at: https://youtu.be/2bWNF_eNwvI Meeting link on Saturday: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87572907374

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Events of Interest

Electoral Justice
USNH volunteers have written and mailed thousands of postcards in the past months. These postcards support people of color who have been purged from the voting registry in their state. The cards help them check and secure their voter registration. The national initiative supports the efforts of the NAACP on a state by state basis.

Help by picking up and writing postcards, and/or purchasing rolls of postcard stamps. Check out the following one minute instructional video:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1gRsui5yfw

Contact UUthevote@usnh.org or Gayle Walter for details on how to help.

Voter Outreach
USNH has been asked by the organizer of UU the Vote in Wisconsin to help phone bank. Please give this a try. The system is set up to make it pretty easy and your phone number is kept confidential. Folks in WI need to know we stand with them.
https://www.uuthetevote.org/

Monday Social (Turkish Kebab House)
- September 7, 7:00 p.m.
Join us online for our Virtual Social Dinner, and discuss a wide range of topics with like-minded people.
Link to event: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8833863806

Book Discussion: “White Rage”
by Carol Anderson
- September 19, 2:30 p.m.
“I’ve read a fair bit of African-American history, but White Rage, by Carol Anderson, which is beautifully written and exhaustively researched, illuminated for me just how deliberately education policy in the United States disenfranchised African-Americans.” - Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie, bestselling author of Americanah and Half of a Yellow Sun

“White Rage” is a riveting and disturbing history that begins with Reconstruction and lays bare the efforts of whites in the South and North alike to prevent emancipated black people from achieving economic independence, civil and political rights, personal safety, and economic opportunity. – The Nation

Ken McClary will moderate the discussion. For details and meeting location (park or online) go to meetup.com/cthumanist/events.

Monday Social (Wood-n-Tap)
Topic: Rev. C.T. Vivian
- September 28, 7 p.m.
The Rev. C.T. Vivian was involved in the civil rights movement since 1941. He helped organize (and participated in) the 1961 Freedom Rides, played a key role in sit-ins, and risked his life to register Black voters.

Watch the Visionary Project series at https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLCwE4GdJdVRK4fQ0WsbPAfy7jDJejuC

The online meeting is at https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85225425608

Bylaws
Thanks to all who attended and voted at the special bylaws meeting.
Result: All passed. We will assemble again very briefly at the Monday Monthly Meeting. The board would like to nominate Frank Avitable for election to the board as an at-large member.

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Connecticut Food Bank, 2 Research Pkwy, Wallingford, CT 06492

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Scroll through the Humanist Association of Connecticut listings. This is a good way to RSVP and get a link to the meeting!