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The HUMANIST ASSOCIATION of CONNECTICUT

May 2021



UU Humanists Local Group

Monthly Meeting Climate Change

Monday May 17, 7:00 p.m.

With Dan Blinn & Pat McCann

This presentation will focus on the need for a humanist response to climate change. Pat will update us on the scientific reality of where we stand, and Dan will help us to explore practical ways to make impactful changes in our daily lives. Join us for an enlightening discussion.

Pat McCann, a research scientist at Pfizer, and Dan Blinn, a consumer protection attorney in Hartford, are both on the Board of Hartford Area Humanists and are humanist celebrants.



Getting Warmer...

Meeting link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/81444530449>

News on our Founder, David Schafer

David has moved out of his longtime home on Thornton Street, and is living at Benchmark Senior Living residence. His address is 35 Hamden Hills Drive, APT 322B, Hamden, 06518. Visitors should call ahead (203-248-1864) for COVID-19 capacity reasons. Best times to visit are between 2 PM and 4PM, on Mondays, Wednesdays or Fridays as David continues to receive dialysis on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.

If you want to call David, staff will happily bring him to the phone at (203) 287-1984.

Keep in mind that David is in the memory care unit, and some days he is mentally clearer than others.

If you visit, know that the “doorbell” on the third floor is marked “emergency,” but that is the correct doorbell to use.

Calendar of Events

RSVPs are welcome at [meetup.com/cthumanist/events](https://www.meetup.com/cthumanist/events). You can view the latest newsletter at www.cthumanist.org.

Programs are held ONLINE this month, except for the book discussion and Wood-N-Tap discussion.

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Sat. 1	Explorations -- Universal Basic Income (UBI) Discussion Leader: Aaron Goode	2:30 p.m.to to 4:30 p.m.
Mon. 3	Monday Social Zoom	7:00 p.m.
Sat. 15	Book Discussion: “The Master and Margarita” By Mikhail Bulgakov	2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Mon. 17	Monthly Meeting - Climate Change Speakers: Dan Blinn and Patrick McCann	7:00 p.m.
Sun. 23	Board Meeting	3:30 p.m.
Mon. 24	Monday Discussion at the Wood-N-Tap Topic: Movie Recommendations	7:00 p.m.

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Sat. 5	Explorations TBD	2:30 p.m.to to 4:30 p.m.
Mon. 7	Monday Social Zoom	7:00 p.m.
Sat. 19	Book Discussion: “Stony the Road” By Henry Louis Gates, Jr	2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Sat. 19	Summer Solstice Celebration and Picnic	4:00 p.m.
Sun. 27	Board Meeting	3:30 p.m.
Mon. 28	Monday Discussion Zoom	7:00 p.m.

Monday Social

- Monday May 3, 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/83132656752>

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Event of Interest

Mayday for Humanity

On Thursday, May 6, 2021, join the Freethought Society and others to celebrate The National Day of Reason. The society will host a Zoom entertainment extravaganza entitled "Mayday for Humanity." The event will begin at 4:00 PM PST/7:00 PM EST. Read more about it and sign up at <https://meetu.ps/e/JYx1K/z0H04/a>.

Save the Date

HAC Annual Picnic and Summer Solstice Celebration

Saturday, June 19, 4:00 - 8:00 PM
USNH Parking Lot and Grounds at 700 Hartford Turnpike, Hamden, CT.
It's time to enjoy meeting with our Humanist friends in person. Bring a musical instrument if you wish.



We will follow the USNH safety protocol. BYO Everything! - Chairs, Food, Drink. Access to the buildings' restrooms will be allowed as needed, one person at a time. Rain date is Sunday, June 20.

Tech Tip - Power and Energy

Two terms, often confused: Energy is the capacity to do work. Power is the rate energy is used. We buy energy (electricity, gasoline, wood pellets) and we use it at various rates to charge our phones, drive our cars, and heat our homes.
Energy = power × time.

Humanist Explorations: Universal Basic Income (UBI)

Discussion Leader: Aaron Goode -- Sat. May 1, 2:30 p.m.

What is it? Why are so many people talking about it now? Does it work -- or is it a fad?

Suggested reading/viewing:

<https://youtu.be/kl39KHS07Xc>
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aIL_Y9g7Tg0
<https://www.vox.com/future-perfect/2019/2/13/18220838/universal-basic-income-ubi-nber-study>
<https://www.pbs.org/newshour/show/a-city-made-the-case-for-universal-basic-income-dozens-are-following-suit>
<https://www.vox.com/future-perfect/2020/2/19/21112570/universal-basic-income-ubi-map>
<https://yankeeiinstitute.org/2021/04/08/hartford-to-consider-a-universal-basic-income-pilot-program/>

Meeting link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/86886923216>

Book Discussion: "The Master and Margarita"

by Mikhail Bulgakov -- Sat, May 15 · 2:30 p.m.

Hosted by Kevin & Paula

Nothing in the whole of literature compares with "The Master and Margarita." One spring afternoon, the Devil, trailing fire and chaos in his wake, weaves himself out of the shadows and into Moscow. Mikhail Bulgakov's fantastical, funny, and devastating satire of Soviet life combines two distinct yet interwoven parts, one set in contemporary Moscow, the other in ancient Jerusalem, each brimming with historical, imaginary, frightful, and wonderful characters. Written during the darkest days of Stalin's reign, and finally published in 1966 and 1967, "The Master and Margarita" became a literary phenomenon, signaling artistic and spiritual freedom for Russians everywhere. – from Amazon

"Nude vampires, gun-toting talking black cat, and devil as ultimate party starter aside, the miracle of this novel is that every time you read it, it's a different book." – Marlon James, T: The New York Times Style Magazine

Upcoming Books:

Saturday, June 19: Stony the Road by Henry Louis Gates, Jr

Saturday, July 17: This Life: Secular Faith and Spiritual Freedom, by Martin Hägglund

We will meet for the Book Discussion at the Hamden Town Center Park.

Location: <https://goo.gl/maps/QByMsSVpkMmqTcne9>

Wood-N-Tap Discussion: Movies -Mon. May 24, 7:00 p.m.

This month we're going meet in person and share movie recommendations. Come prepared to take notes for the movies shared and to share at least one movie you feel is important or that others would enjoy and why. We can go around more than once, so you may have a chance to share more than one recommendation.

Please RSVP on Meetup. We will meet on the patio at Wood-N-Tap but we'll be online if it rains -- watch for an email notice if the weather is questionable.