



AHA Chapter

THE NEWSLETTER OF

# The HUMANIST ASSOCIATION of CONNECTICUT



June 2022

UU Humanists Local Group

## Annual Picnic & Summer Solstice Celebration Saturday, June 18, 4-7pm USNH, 700 Hartford Turnpike, Hamden



We will be outside on the front lawn at USNH. Bring a comfortable lawn chair. Please bring your own refreshments and/or a dish to share. We will have access to the restrooms inside; Covid restrictions will apply.

Hunger and food insecurity continue over the summer, but collections and donations of non-perishable food drop off. Please bring whatever contributions you are able to when you come to the picnic (or to any HAC event at USNH). USNH Food Bank Team will deliver to the Hamden Food Pantry, as well as use some for its own in-house pantry shelves for USNH members and friends in need.

### Priority Items:

Breakfast foods, cereals, shelf-stable milk, juices, dry fruit, jam, canned tuna, salmon, sardines, chicken

Also: gift cards \$25 or less -- for Stop & Shop or ShopRite  
(Peanut Butter & Cheese are NOT in short supply)

Pet food is also appreciated.

## Calendar of Events

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

Note that some programs are held ONLINE this month. Also note USNH has a Covid-19 policy that requires record of vaccination, booster, as well as wearing of an appropriate mask. See page 2 for details.

### June 2022

<b>Saturday 4</b>	<b>Explorations "Vienna: City of Dreams"</b>	<b>2:30pm</b>
<b>Monday 6</b>	<b>Social Dinner @ Mamoun's</b>	<b>7pm</b>
<b>Saturday 18</b>	<b>Book Discussion "Parable of the Sower" (*note special time)</b>	<b>2pm*</b>
<b>Saturday 18</b>	<b>Annual Picnic &amp; Solstice Celebration</b>	<b>4pm</b>
<b>Sunday 26</b>	<b>Board Meeting (Zoom) All members welcome (*note special time)</b>	<b>6pm*</b>
<b>Monday 27</b>	<b>Dinner Discussion Discussion Topic: Ivermectin</b>	<b>7pm</b>

### July 2022

Saturday 2	Explorations (USNH)	2:30pm
Monday 4	Social Dinner (Mamoun's)	7pm
Saturday 16	Book Discussion (USNH)	2:30pm
Monday 18	Monthly Meeting - TBA	7pm
Sunday 24	Board Meeting (on Zoom)	6pm
Monday 25	Dinner Discussion (Wood-N-Tap)	7pm -

**RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP: Calling all members (or member wannabes) who may have forgotten to pay your 2022 membership dues, please send a check to HAC Treasurer Nina Stein (see below)**

**OR**

**come to our June 18 Annual Picnic / Summer Solstice potluck get-together (see calendar of events). At that time you may give cash OR check to sustain your 2022 membership.**

**We miss you when you're not with us!**

Nina Stein  
380 Hitchcock Road, #272  
Waterbury, CT 06705

Please print and complete the attached membership form (see page 3 of this newsletter) with your updated contact information and enclose with your check. If you have any questions, or if you need any assistance re attending our programs via zoom, please contact us. We greatly value your participation in our supportive community!

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**Humanist Explorations  
 Saturday, June 4, 2:30pm  
 USNH, 700 Hartford Turnpike,  
 Hamden  
 "Vienna: City of Dreams"**

Written and presented by Harvard historian, Joseph Koerner, this presentation delves into the story of the city that was focus of twentieth century modernity. "A glittering cultural jewel at the heart of Europe, Vienna has for centuries drawn artists, dreamers, and innovators from all corners of the continent to its dazzling intellectual and artistic life. With its famed art salons and coffeehouses, Vienna supported a unique culture in which artists and scientists, firebrands and aesthetes, met and freely exchanged ideas. From this hothouse atmosphere emerged revolutionary breakthroughs in psychology, literature, art, and music, reverberating around Europe and indeed the world." NOTE: This is not a travel video, it is a historic and cultural analysis.

**Covid Protocol Reminder & Additional Programming Notes**

USNH Covid-19 Policy: For in-person events at USNH, you must show record of a Covid-19 vaccine AND booster (if eligible), and you must wear a N95, KN05, KF94 or equivalent mask while inside the building. No food can be served and social distancing should be observed.

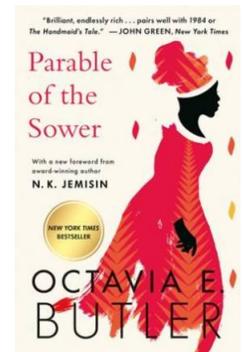
**Book Discussion  
 Saturday, June 18, 2022, 2:00PM\*\***

Our book for June is "Parable of the Sower" by science fiction writer Octavia Butler.

\*\* Please note that due to the Annual Picnic / Solstice Party following the discussion, the start time is 2pm (not 2:30).

*When global climate change and economic crises lead to social chaos in the early 2020s, California becomes full of dangers, from pervasive water shortage to masses of vagabonds who will do anything to live to see another day. Fifteen-year-old Lauren Olamina...must make her voice heard in order to protect her loved ones from the imminent disasters her small community stubbornly ignores. But what begins as a fight for survival soon leads to something much more: the birth of a new faith...and a startling vision of human destiny.*

*"A brilliant, endlessly rich dystopian novel that pairs well with 1984 or The Handmaid's Tale, ...also a fascinating exploration of how crises can fuel new religious and ideological movements." – John Green, New York Times*



**Dinner Discussion  
 Monday, June 27, 7pm  
 Wood-n-Tap, 2100 Dixwell Avenue, Hamden  
 Discussion Topic: Ivermectin**

We will meet on the patio for dinner and either discuss this article or discuss whatever side trip this set us off on.

Link to article from Astral Codex blog: <https://tinyurl.com/y8d225em>

You could call this a deep dive investigation of the studies presented as evidence on a pro-ivermectin website. You could call this a crash-course by example in evaluating research. Its final conclusions are very satisfying, as well as a bit surprising. Skim it if your eyes glaze over; please come and complain if it wasn't worth it.

**Event of Interest: American Humanist Association 81st Annual Conference  
 June 24-26, 2022 (Virtual)**

The American Humanist Association (AHA) will be celebrating 81 years of humanism on June 24-26, 2022! Join AHA virtually for two days of interactive sessions, thought-provoking and inspiring speakers, and opportunities to connect with fellow humanists and exhibitors. AHACON22 will bring together humanists from across the country to explore the most pressing questions facing our community, share effective practices to create change, and humanist thought and action and the road ahead. This will be an annual conference you won't want to miss!

Register at: <https://conference.americanhumanist.org/>



**MEMBERSHIP**

Adult . . . . . \$35

Family . . . . . \$50

Newsletter Only . . . . . \$10

Our membership year is 1/1-12/31.

In cases of financial hardship, the association may waive the membership fee. Please mail checks for annual membership payable to

Humanist Association of Connecticut to: **Humanist Association of**

**Connecticut, c/o 380 Hitchcock Road #272, Waterbury, CT 06705.**

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