



The HUMANIST ASSOCIATION of CONNECTICUT



AHA Chapter

August 2022

UU Humanists Local Group

**Special August Monthly Meeting
CT Coalition of Reason Annual Picnic
Saturday, August 13, 11am-4pm
Wharton Brook State Park
Exit 13 off I-91, on the Wallingford/North
Haven line**



Bring your own refreshments, and something to share if you wish. A grill will be available.

This will be the first ever statewide social gathering of humanist, atheist, and free-thinking groups in Connecticut!

Admission & parking is FREE!

But parking is limited, and the park is subject to closure if it reaches capacity, so please plan to arrive early, & consider carpooling.

Your RSVP via Meetup, while not required, will be greatly appreciated:

Statewide Coalition of Reason Picnic RSVP
<https://meetu.ps/e/LbS7x/z0H04/i>

Calendar of Events

RSVPs are welcome at meetup.com/cthumanist/events. You can view the latest newsletter and calendar at 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.

August 2022		
1 Monday	Social Dinner (Mamoun's)	7pm
6 Sat.	Explorations (USNH) "The Hudsucker Proxy"	2:30pm
13 Sat.	COR Picnic* (Wharton Brook State Park) * This is our monthly meeting for Aug.	11 am-4pm
20 Sat.	Book Discussion (USNH) "Strange Rites"	2:30pm
22 Monday	Dinner Discussion (Wood-N-Tap) Altruism in Our Lives	7pm
28 Sunday	Board Meeting (Zoom) All members welcome	6pm
September 2022		
3 Saturday	Explorations: "Gender and Primatology" (USNH)	2:30pm
5 Monday	Social Dinner (Mamoun's)	7pm
10 Saturday	Book Discussion: "Passing" by Larsen (note special date)	2:30pm
19 Monday	Monthly Meeting TBA	7pm
26 Monday	Dinner Discussion TBA	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 one of our in-person events (see calendar) and give us cash or check.

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!

**THANKS FOR RENEWING YOUR
MEMBERSHIP!**

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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, KN95, KF94 or equivalent mask while inside the building. No food can be served inside and social distancing should be observed.
 * For many, 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 any HAC event at USNH. The 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.

Book Discussion: "Strange Rites" by Tara Burton
Saturday, August 20, 2022, 2:30 pm
USNH, 700 Hartford Turnpike, Hamden

While rejecting traditional worship in unprecedented numbers, today's Americans are embracing a kaleidoscopic panoply of spiritual traditions, rituals, and subcultures. In *Strange Rites*, religious scholar and commentator Tara Isabella Burton visits with the techno-utopians of Silicon Valley, Satanists and polyamorous communities, witches from Bushwick, wellness junkies and social justice activists and devotees of Jordan Peterson, proving Americans are not abandoning religion but remixing it.



"A bracing tour through the myriad forms of bespoke spiritualism and makeshift quasi-religions springing up across America." – The Wall Street Journal

Please consider bringing a canned food donation for the USNH food pantry -- see details above under "Additional Programming Notes"

Humanist Explorations
"The HUDSUCKER Proxy"
Saturday, August 6, 2:30-4:30pm
USNH Sanctuary (Air Conditioned!)



We will watch the film, in an air-conditioned meeting room, followed by discussion. As summer draws to a close, a healthy dose of humor is in order in today's trying times. Norville Barnes, freshly graduated from The Muncie, Indiana School of Business arrives in New York City, looking for a job. With no previous experience, he finds an entry level position in a large corporation. The tale that follows is a delicious spoof of corporate America, circa 1959. From Joel and Ethan Coen, and starring Tim Robbins, Jennifer Jason Leigh, and Paul Newman, this screwball comedy with an obvious element of reality and truth will make for a pleasant and hilarious summer afternoon.

4th Monday Dinner Discussion: Altruism in Our Lives
Monday, August 22, 7pm
Wood-n-Tap, 2100 Dixwell Ave., Hamden

Join us for our August dinner discussion! If weather permits, we'll meet on the patio.

One of the 10 Commitments of Humanism is Altruism. How does this play out in your life?

Article: <https://americanhumanistcenterforeducation.org/ten-commitments/>

Non-HAC Event(s) of Interest

There are two upcoming conferences that may be of interest to HAC members.

1. Blue Water Conference: <https://bluewateraha.com> is having their 2022 conference in Sarnia, Ontario, Canada, taking place Aug. 26-28. Speakers include Dan Barker, Annie Laurie Gaylor, and Hemant Mehta.
2. CSICon - Skeptical Inquiry Conference in Las Vegas in October <https://csiconference.org>

Also of note: LGBTQ+ Elders Affinity Group, Aug. 31

The New Haven PRIDE Center is inviting any LGBTQ+ person over the age of 50 and their allies and loved ones of all ages to join Rainbow Elders, a supportive and social space to be held at the PRIDE center on Wednesday, August 31st at 6:00 p.m. For more information, please contact Freddie Swindal, Manager of Support Services (203) 623-8052 or fswindal@newhavenpridecenter.org



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