

CHARLESTON SECULAR HUMANIST COMMUNITY CENTER

newsletter

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*More info on events and venues
can be found on the website.*

Monthly potlucks are a great place to meet others in the secular community. Bring a dish or (non-alcoholic) drink or a friend if you can. We'll have SHCC library books to borrow. Potlucks will be followed by Community Meetings. Come join us!

Agenda items for monthly Community Meetings should be submitted at least one week prior to meetings. Items will be added on a first come, first serve basis.

chairperson - ALICIA ALLYN BOBCHECK

co-chairperson - ANNA EPLIN

secretary - ALYSSON RIFFE

treasurer - JASON LOVELESS

"Building a Good Life on Earth Together"

01.05.2015 - 01.20.2015

WANTED Original Content

There's still time and space for you to send us submissions for our first issue of *The Appalachian Freethinker*. You can send us essays, short musings, poems, stories, articles, and subject-related content on anything from history and science to arts and crafts. We only ask that you send us material (preferably under 2000 words) that's readable by and interesting to a wide, general audience of freethinkers.

We'll keep taking submissions on a rolling basis for future issues, but the deadline to submit pieces for the first issue is **January 15**. Please send your submission as an email attachment (Word or pdf file) to

anna@sjwoodswriting.com

We look forward to seeing you in print!

upcoming events

JANUARY

15 *SUBMISSIONS DUE for APPALACHIAN FREETHINKER*

17 @1200P *Appalachian Freethinker Organizational Meeting*
Kanawha County Public Library

31 @1200P *January Potluck and Community Meeting*
Kanawha City Community Center - Charleston, WV

FEBRUARY

14 @500P *Valentine's Day Secular Singles Mixer*
TBD

...find out more about events at charlestonshcc.org

Member Announcements

No announcements.

Active Groups

Active Groups are those that have a point of contact and upcoming events.

Helping Hands
A. Eplin

Women's Action Group
A. Bobcheck

Amateur Astronomers
A. Bobcheck

Modern Dialogues
J. Loveless

Citizens' Salon
A. Bobcheck

Groups Seeking Leadership

Groups Seeking Leadership are those which have vested community interest but no point of contact.

Community Responders
Intramural Athletes
Video Gamers

Leaders must be Charleston SHCC members and be willing to act as the point of contact for that group. To learn more about leadership opportunities, email charleston.shcc@gmail.com.

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New Year's Desires

With the arrival of a new year, we pause to reflect on our lives and reset our goals. Whether or not we actually have free will (a favorite debate topic at freethinker events), many of us experience great benefit from reflecting on our desires for our lives.

How do you wish to grow during 2015? For, as Henry David Thoreau wrote, "What you get by achieving your goals is not as important as what you become by achieving your goals." We wish you what we wish for ourselves: to become healthier, wiser, kinder, and overall better people this year.

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Q: Why can't atheists solve exponential equations?

A: Because they don't believe in higher powers.

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HUMANIST QUOTE OF THE WEEK *"Atheism is nothing more than the noises reasonable people make when in the presence of religious dogma."*
-Sam Harris