

## SHCC Updates Newsletter – January 27, 2014

### Upcoming Events

#### **Amateur Astronomers Meeting**

Thursday, January 30, 2014, 7pm - 9pm  
Alicia and Jason's house - 109 Cemetery Dr., Pratt, WV

This is the first official meeting of the Amateur Astronomers, a new SHCC sub-group. If the sky is clear the group will take out the telescope and do some star watching. If it's too cloudy, they plan to watch an episode of Cosmos or some other documentary on astronomy. If you'd like to bring books, videos, or other media to share please do so!

Please dress for the weather--it gets quite chilly in the valley. The hosts will be serving hot tea and coffee to warm you up.

Also, the hosts will appreciate each guest's respect of the time frame set for this meeting (come at 7pm, leave at 9pm).

#### **SHCC Organizational Meeting**

Saturday, February 8, 2014, 4:30pm  
Panera Bread Town Center Mall - Group room

We hope to make this a regular event. In any case, the holidays and then the water crisis set us back--an organizational meeting is long overdue!

This meeting is scheduled for one hour before the Kanawha Valley Atheists and Agnostics meetup, in order to keep the meeting short and sweet and to encourage those already going to the meetup to leave home just a little earlier and come to our business meeting.

Some proposed agenda items for the meeting include:

- Possible SHCC name change (see below)
- Events planning
- Budget for events
- Membership dues
- Delegation of duties

If anyone would like to add items to the meeting agenda, please let us know by February 1.

We hope all of you will join us at the meeting!

#### **Debate Group** - Debate on Industry Regulation in WV

Saturday, February 15, 2014  
Time and Location TBA

The Debate Group, an SHCC sub-group, is planning to hold a debate on February 15, on the topic of the regulation of industry in West Virginia. If you would like to participate, please let us know as soon as possible so we can get you connected with Alysson, the Debate Group leader.

#### **February Potluck**

Saturday, February 22, 2014, 12pm

Kanawha City Community Center - 3511 Venable Ave. SE, Charleston, WV

We hope you'll plan to join us for good food and friendly faces (without having to worry about being preached at!). Bring a prepared dish, a bag of chips, or a 2-liter--whatever you can manage.

We will have books from the SHCC Library available to lend. If you would like to request a specific book (or books) from the SHCC Library Catalog, just let us know and we'll make sure to bring it.

## **News**

### **Pleasant January Potluck Despite Water Crisis**

Our January potluck was short and sweet. It was a small group due to the water crisis, but there were a few new faces, and it was a nice opportunity to socialize with new, likeminded friends during this month that has been difficult for everyone in our area.

### **Member Announcements**

Our Chairperson, Alicia Allyn Bobcheck, had surgery this past month and reports that she is recovering nicely.

If any of you have personal announcements you'd like to share, let us know.

### **Possible Name Change**

At the November potluck, we discussed the possibility of changing our name from the Charleston Secular Humanist Community Center to something easier to say and understand. One reason for this is that while the term "secular humanist" does describe our mission, it seems that many people either do not understand the term or have unhelpful associations with it. One suggestion made was that we consider "freethinkers" as a possible alternative to "secular humanist." There are plenty of other terms to be considered as well, along with plenty of factors to consider in choosing a name in general. We plan to resume this discussion at the Organizational Meeting on February 8. Further announcements will be made in the future should we plan to hold a vote about changing the name.

## **Wrapping Up**

### **Humanist Quote of the Week**

"With or without religion, you would have good people doing good things and evil people doing evil things. But for good people to do evil things, that takes religion."

- Steven Weinberg

### **Thanks and Stay Tuned!**

We hope you are all staying safe and healthy during this snowy weather that has followed right after the water crisis. If any of you need a helping hand, don't hesitate to reach out to us; we'll see how we can help!