

# 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 KELLY

secretary - ALYSSON RIFFE

treasurer - JASON LOVELESS

“Building a Good Life on Earth Together”

5 - 20 July 2014

## JOIN A GROUP OR START A GROUP

One of the things that we love about the Charleston SHCC is that any dues-paying member can start a group based around their interests. Whether you're looking for fishing buddies or want to reach out to the homeless with others or would just like to join a book club, you can do it at Charleston SHCC. Groups are able to act independently to determine when and where they'd like to meet, how they'll communicate, and what the focus of the group is. So, what's the benefit of joining Charleston SHCC? Groups can use our network to reach out to like-minded members and use our resources when creating events or programming. Currently, we have three active groups-- Amateur Astronomers, Citizens' Salon, and Modern Dialogues-- and two in the process of becoming official. To learn more about our active groups or starting one of your own, please visit our website.

## *upcoming events*

### JULY

**12** @10:30P Screening and Discussion - *The Waiting Room*  
Kanawha County Public Library, The Ray Room  
*hosted by Citizens' Salon*

**13** @1100A Nature Walk  
Kanawha State Forest (Charleston, WV)  
*please RSVP by 11 July 2014*

**26** @1200P July Potluck and Community Mtg.  
Coonskin State Park

**26** @1200P Public Healthcare Debate  
Elkview Branch Library  
*hosted by Modern Dialogues*

**26** @10300P New Moon Star Viewing Event  
Lovecheck Residence  
*hosted by Amateur Astronomers*

### AUGUST

**18** @10300P Conjunction of Venus and Jupiter Viewing Event  
Lovecheck Residence  
*hosted by Amateur Astronomers*

## Member Announcements

*No announcements*

## Active Groups

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

**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](mailto:charleston.shcc@gmail.com).*

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# Writers Wanted!

## *Newly Re-designed Website and Blog*

Our website is looking sharper than ever, and we're hoping to kick up the pace on our blog posts. Please, email us your writings (we're open to most topics and lengths) for us to publish on our blog, which we call the Charleston Secular Life Blog.

Anna Eplin, our Co-chairperson, recently wrote a blog post for us called "Secular Humanism Is Everywhere." Here is a brief excerpt:

Secular humanism is the same viewpoint you hear used every day in public settings such as media, government, and business—anywhere religion is purposefully kept out of discussion about some aspect of life on earth.

U.S. federal, state, and local governments, which set out to operate on the principle of separation of church and state (though, granted, not always successfully!), adopt a position of seeking to make this life here together as good as possible without any reference to religion at all. That is exactly the viewpoint of secular humanism.

For the full post, please visit our website at [www.charlestonshcc.org](http://www.charlestonshcc.org).

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**HUMANIST QUOTE OF THE WEEK** *"The happiest people I have known have been those who gave themselves no concern about their own souls, but did their utmost to mitigate the miseries of others."*

*-Elizabeth Cady Stanton*