

# CHARLESTON SECULAR HUMANIST COMMUNITY CENTER

“Building a Good Life on Earth Together”

## Bringing Light, Not Heat

Modern Dialogues, SHCC's debate group led by Jason Loveless, is looking for individuals interested in debating their next topic: Education. If you have an interest in education or simply love the thrill of debating a topic then this might be the opportunity for you!

A couple of points one should remember about debating:

- 1.) Debating is an opportunity to take apart an important issue and look at it from every angle, not to perpetuate one's own agenda.
- 2.) As our moderator tells us at the beginning of each debate, the point of the discussion is to bring light, not heat. While topics can get pretty sensitive, objectivity is key to successful debating, and it just might open up your mind.

Interested parties should email Jason Loveless at [jumpsetter@gmail.com](mailto:jumpsetter@gmail.com).

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

## upcoming events

### AUGUST

**12** @0600P Women's Craft Night  
Riffe Residence - Malden, WV  
hosted by Women's Action Group

**18** @0800P Conjunction of Venus and Jupiter Viewing Event  
Lovecheck Residence - Pratt, WV  
hosted by Amateur Astronomers

**21** @0500P Ask an Atheist  
August ArtWalk  
SHCC members will be stationed around the ArtWalk area offering people an opportunity to ask questions and discuss faith and skepticism with informed and open-minded participants. We will also be making and selling customized t-shirts at the corner of Lee and Capitol. More information about ArtWalk can be found at [CharlestonArtWalk.com](http://CharlestonArtWalk.com).

**30** @0800P August Potluck and Community Mtg.  
Lovecheck Residence - Pratt, WV

## Member Announcements

*Happy Birthday to our chairperson, Alicia Allyn Bobcheck, who turns 31!*

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

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# Two New Sub-Groups Formed!

At our July Community Meeting two of our members were able to get approval for new sub-groups, both intended to fulfill critical needs in our community.

The first group is called **Helping Hands**. Helping Hands was started by Anna Eplin with the intended purpose of providing "free assistance-- such as yard work, house cleaning & organizing, basic repair projects, etc." to individuals who have the need. This program's prime target are the elderly and the disabled but is open to helping any of those in need. Assistance is provided on a first-come, first-serve basis.

The second group is **Women's Action Group**, and was formed to "provide opportunities for secular women to organize events and discuss topics related to the unique issues faced by women in our community". While a Women's Craft Night had to be cancelled at the last minute due to scheduling issues, it has been already been re-scheduled for August, the 12th (see the reverse for details).

If you're a dues-paying member and interested in forming a sub-group, download the form for approval from our website or facebook and submit it at the next community meeting.

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**HUMANIST QUOTE OF THE WEEK** "You can tell whether a man is clever by his answers. You can tell whether a man is wise by his questions."  
-Naguib Mahfouz