

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" 20 September - 5 October 2014

Helping Hands Ready to Serve

The new SHCC sub-group Helping Hands had its initial organizational meeting recently and is now ready to serve people in need. The group's first scheduled event will be Saturday, October 18, in the morning. They are tentatively planning to work on a service project at a disabled SHCC member's house.

Want to Help?

More Helping Hands volunteers will always be welcome! if you'd like to get involved, just contact us.

Need Some Help?

If you or someone you know who is disabled, sick, elderly, or otherwise needy could use some help with household projects (yardwork, cleaning, organizing, light repair projects, etc.), please contact us so we can get the Helping Hands group on the job.

upcoming events

SEPTEMBER

21^{@1200P} Charleston SHCC Business Organizational Meeting
Panera Bread @Charleston Town Center Mall

24^{@0700P} Astronomy Day Planning Event / New Moon
Lovecheck Residence - Pratt, WV
hosted by Amateur Astronomers

25^{@0600P} Modern Dialogues Planning Event
Terry Residence - Charleston, WV
hosted by Modern Dialogues

27^{@1200P} September Potluck and Community Mtg.
Kanawha City Community Ctr. - Charleston, WV

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

Member 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.

PRICE: AS FREE AS YOUR MIND

an excerpt from **"The Only Difference"** *by Jim Spence*

Atheists are the one set of people who actually have no religious beliefs. We don't believe there isn't a god, we merely state that there isn't any evidence to support the existence of one. We don't have any dogmas, we don't have any churches, we don't have any rules or laws.

We try to treat others as fairly and equally as we want to be treated, to take care of each other, to exist peacefully with everyone, to accept everyone as they are... black, white, gay, straight... exactly as we wish them to accept us. These are secular humanist beliefs, and have absolutely nothing to do with deities or faith.

We are atheists. We bleed, we hurt, we care, we laugh and we cry. We do charity work, we give money to homeless shelters, we donate time to animal rescue organizations, we work at food banks and volunteer at the local hospital. We're mothers, fathers, aunts, uncles and grandparents.

The only difference is, we don't believe in a god.

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HUMANIST QUOTE OF THE WEEK *"The four characteristics of humanism are curiosity, a free mind, belief in good...and belief in the human race."*

-E. M. Forster