

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"

12.20.2014 - 01.05.2015

You're *Not* Alone

Being non-religious in our local area is a challenge all year long, but it can seem especially lonely during the winter holidays. Everywhere you go there are Christmas carols and nativity scenes, as well as Hanukah menorahs and Star-of-David decorations. Even Santa Claus is a "saint." Your family may pray around the dinner table and expect you to go to church with them, and you may encounter that sense of superiority and judgment from religious people who think of you as "lost."

We want you to know that you're not alone. We're going through all that, too. Let's hold up our heads and celebrate our own traditions in our own ways with our like-minded friends. We can also celebrate the holiday spirit of charity by doing acts of kindness—thus reminding ourselves that we don't match the "lost" profile that some Christians pin on us. We believe in goodness...just not God!

upcoming events

DECEMBER

27 @1200P December Potluck and Community Meeting
Kanawha City Community Center - Charleston, WV

JANUARY

15 SUBMISSIONS DUE for APPALACHIAN FREETHINKER

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

27 @1200P January Potluck and Community Meeting
Kanawha City Community Center - Charleston, WV

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

Member Announcements

Charleston SHCC would like to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season and a prosperous new year!

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

Exciting Plans for the New Year

As 2014 draws to a close, the Charleston SHCC is looking ahead to 2015 with excitement about the plans we're cooking up. Take a look at some of what we've got planned, in addition to our regular monthly potlucks, sub-group activities, and fundraisers (such as the East End Yard Sale):

- ◆ Inter-congregational volleyball tournament
- ◆ Secular Singles Valentine's Day Mixer
- ◆ Astronomy Day activities
- ◆ Freethought Festival
- ◆ *The Appalachian Freethinker* quarterly journal

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A: He thought there might be a street on the other side, but he wouldn't believe it until he tested his hypothesis.

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HUMANIST QUOTE OF THE WEEK *“Humanism is a philosophy of joyous service for the greater good of all humanity.”*

-Linus Pauling