

# Charleston Humanist Community

## Winter 2018 Newsletter

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## News

### Changes to Recurring Events

1. At a recent business meeting, we decided to discontinue our joint “2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday” dinners at Plaza Maya with the Kanawha Valley Atheists and Agnostics Meetup group. They will continue to have these recurring dinners, at which CHC members will be welcome, but these events will no longer be hosted jointly.
2. Our new recurring CHC event is quarterly potlucks or “gatherings” hosted at different members’ homes.

### Enjoyable Autumn Gathering



Our Autumn Gathering was a very pleasant event. We had ten adults and five children in attendance. Lyndsey and Ben Thompson hosted us at their house; and after socializing and eating a potluck lunch indoors, we moved out onto the deck to enjoy the weather.

There we also split into small groups for a focused discussion time that enabled us to get to know each other on a deeper level. Our topic was “What does humanism mean to you?” Each group’s discussion then led to related topics such as our personal journeys away from religion, how we can have motivation for living ethical lives without any religious basis for our beliefs, and practical ideas for spreading positive views of humanism in our community.

## Upcoming Events



### Winter Gathering

Sunday, January 21, 2018, 12:00  
Luke and Becky Steadman’s home (For address, RSVP via email, phone, text, or social media)

Join us for our new quarterly potluck gathering. We will eat, socialize, and also have some time for small group discussions of topics that will help us get to know each other on a deeper level. Children are welcome. Bring a potluck dish to share if you can.

### Book Discussion

Saturday, February 17, 2018, 1:00 p.m.  
Panera Bread Meeting Room (Charleston Town Center Mall)

This will be a casual, friendly discussion of the classic novel *1984* by George Orwell.

### Board Games Night

Sunday, February 25, 2018, 1:00 p.m.  
Jackie Venus’ home (max. 4 participants)

Please RSVP if you would like to join us for an afternoon of board gaming fun. If needed, we can try to find a way to accommodate more participants.

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Earth Together”*