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112TH SERVICE PROGRAM



Welcome and Introduction
Jim Ashmore

"Are We Not Alone?"
Bennie Matusek

"Alone, but not Lonely"
Jim Ashmore

Announcements Anthony Stott

FToTM: Joyce Carol Oates Art & Nancy Fay

"Let's Don't Worry" Playing for Change

Closing Anthony Stott

NEXT SERVICE – August 9, 2009

As always, your directors Jim Ashmore, Ed Uthman, Anthony Stott, Bennie Matusek, and Nancy Fay welcome your feedback and *participation* in Church Services and Sunday school.

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"Homo sapiens is the species that invents symbols in which to invest passion and authority, then forgets that symbols are inventions."

--Joyce Carol Oates

JUNE FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Donations for June totaled \$869 from the following sources: \$100 from mail, \$299 from the monthly service, and \$470 from PayPal. Expenses totaled \$683.97 for a **POSITIVE cash flow of \$185.03 for the month.**

For the first half of 2009, donations were \$4334.00, expenses 4332.28 for a net **POSTIVE cash flow of \$2.52.**

Thank you to all who donated to our Church.

PayPal Donations:

For those of you who wish to make regular monthly donations, we do have PayPal. Go to our web site at <http://www.hcof.org> and click the PayPal logo in the upper right hand corner. There you may choose recurring monthly donation amounts of \$10, \$20, \$30, \$40, \$50, \$75 or \$100 per month, or, a one-time donation. Paypal <http://www.paypal.com> allows you to donate on a regular basis using either a credit card or a direct debit to your checking account.

WEIRD INDEPENDENCE DAY FACTS:

From: <http://www.archives.gov/press/press-releases/2005/nr05-83.html>

Independence Day Should Have Been July 2 – July 2, 1776 is the day that the Continental Congress actually voted for independence. John Adams, in his writings, even noted that July 2 would be remembered in the annals of American history and would be marked with fireworks and celebrations. The written Declaration of Independence was dated July 4 but wasn't actually signed until August 2. Fifty-six delegates eventually signed the document, although all were not present on that day in August.

Line of Descent – Actress Reese Witherspoon is a direct descendant of John Witherspoon, one of the 56 signers of the Declaration of Independence.

THE FAR SIDE EXPLAINS THE ORIGINS OF MEAN PEOPLE



ROTATING EVENTS CALENDAR

Information borrowed from the Houston Freethought Alliance Newsletter. If you would like a copy of their newsletter, please e-mail Editor-in-Chief **Jim Knierien** at Jimk@HAL-pc.org

Monday, Weekly | 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm | Freethought Forum | Starbucks at Louetta and Kuykendahl.

Saturday, July 18 | 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm | Humanists of Houston (HOH) Main Monthly Gathering | at the Bayland Community Center in Bayland Park, 6400 Bissonnet Street, Houston 77074

Sunday, July 19 | 10:30 am | Coffee Social | at Borders Books & Music in Meyerland Plaza (I-610 W Loop S at Beechnut)

Tuesday, July 21 | 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm | Central Houston Atheist Meetup | Cafe Express at Woodway and Voss

Thursday, July 23 | 11:45 am - 1:00 pm | *Hungry Heathens* | Lunch and informal discussions at various restaurants for those who have time on a weekday | Contact Bob Finch at rdfinch211@comcast.net

Saturday, July 25 | 10:30 am - 12:00 noon | Religion, Ethics, and Society Club | At Dr Louis Daily's family house at 1506 North Boulevard | A moderated group discussion of Religion, Ethics, and Society.

Sunday, July 26 | 10:30 am - 12:00 noon | Ideas Club | At Dr Louis Daily's family house at 1506 North Boulevard.

Sunday, August 2 | 10:00 am - 12:00 noon | Coffee Social | at Borders Books & Music in Meyerland Plaza (I-610 W Loop S at Beechnut) |

Sunday, August 2 | 12:30 pm - 2:00 pm | West Houston Group Brunch | Randall's employee training room 11041 Westheimer Road at Wilcrest (S.E. corner)

Wednesday, August 5 | 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm | North Houston Atheist Meetup | Cafe Express at 5311 FM 1960 W |

Saturday, August 8 | 1:00 pm | Montgomery County Humanists Regular Meeting | Montgomery Co. Library in the Woodlands

Thursday, August 13 | 11:45 am - 1:00 pm | *Hungry Heathens* | Lunch and informal discussions at various restaurants for those who have time on a weekday | Contact Bob Finch at rdfinch211@comcast.net

MEMBER NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Long time HCOF member **Bob Gross** will be celebrating his **70th birthday** on **July 16th**!

Adam and Jade Hems, proud parents of **Daisy and Jasmine Hems**, celebrated their **14th Wedding anniversary** on **July 5th**!

Jim Ashmore will be celebrating his birthday on **July 13th**

Melanie Raney will be celebrating her birthday on **July 24th**!

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