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111TH SERVICE PROGRAM



Welcome and Introduction
Jim Ashmore

"Singularity" Steve Jordan

"Freethinker's Singularity"
Jim Ashmore

Announcements Adam Hems

Closing Anthony Stott

NEXT SERVICE – JULY 12, 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

"Human beings, who are almost unique in having the ability to learn from the experience of others, are also remarkable for their apparent disinclination to do so."

--Douglas Adams

HCOF SINGLES GROUP DISBANDED

Due to lack of activity in the HCOF Singles Yahoo group for the last several years (less than 30 posts in 36 months) and the fact that this group hasn't organized an official social activity in over 4 years now, this group has been disbanded and the Yahoo group associated with it has been deleted.

We encourage the members of this group to join some of the other HCOF Yahoo groups which are listed on the back page of this bulletin if you have not already done so.

SOME FACTS ON FATHERHOOD

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY – JUNE 21

From: <http://www.census.gov/>

The idea of Father's Day was conceived exactly a century ago, by Sonora Dodd of Spokane, Wash., while she listened to a Mother's Day sermon in 1909. Dodd wanted a special day to honor her father, William Smart, a widowed Civil War veteran who was left to raise his six children on a farm. A day in June was chosen for the first Father's Day celebration — June 19, 1910, proclaimed by Spokane's mayor because it was the month of Smart's birth. The first presidential proclamation honoring fathers was issued in 1966 when President Lyndon Johnson designated the third Sunday in June as Father's Day. Father's Day has been celebrated annually since 1972 when President Richard Nixon signed the public law that made it permanent.

64.3 million

Estimated number of fathers across the nation.

9,003

The number of men's clothing stores around the country (as of 2006), a good place to buy dad a tie or shirt.

14,012

The number of hardware stores (as of 2006), a place to buy hammers, wrenches, screwdrivers and other items high on the list of Father's Day gifts.

140,000

Estimated number of stay-at-home dads in 2008. These married fathers with children younger than 15 have remained out of the labor force for at least one year primarily so they can care for the family while their wives work outside the home. These fathers cared for 234,000 children. Among these stay-at-home dads, 54 percent had two or more children, and 52 percent had an annual family income of \$50,000 or more.

25.8 million

Number of fathers who were part of married-couple families with children younger than 18 in 2008.

1.8 million

Number of single fathers in 2008. Currently, among single parents living with their children, 16 percent are men.

31%

Percentage of custodial fathers who were due child support. They numbered 678,000. Percentage of custodial fathers who were due child support. They numbered 678,000.

\$2.4 billion

Amount of child support received by custodial fathers in 2005; they were due \$3.3 billion. In contrast, custodial mothers received \$22.4 billion of the \$34.7 billion in support that was due.

MAY FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Donations for April totaled \$549.80 from the following sources: \$100 from mail, \$93 from the monthly service, and \$356.80 from PayPal. Expenses totaled \$682.99 for a **NEGATIVE cash flow of \$133.19 for the month.**

Thank you to all who donated to our Church.

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 | Free-thought Forum | Starbucks at Louetta and Kuykendahl.

Tuesday, June 16 | 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm | Central Houston Atheist Meetup | Cafe Express at Woodway and Voss

Saturday, June 20 | 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, June 21 | 10:30 am | Coffee Social | at Borders Books & Music in Meyerland Plaza (I-610 W Loop S at Beechnut)

Thursday, June 25 | 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, June 27 | 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, June 28 | 10:30 am - 12:00 noon | Ideas Club | At Dr Louis Daily's family house at 1506 North Boulevard.

Wednesday, July 1 | 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm | North Houston Atheist Meetup | Cafe Express at 5311 FM 1960 W |

Sunday, July 5 | 10:00 am - 12:00 noon | Coffee Social | at Borders Books & Music in Meyerland Plaza (I-610 W Loop S at Beechnut) |

Sunday, July 5 | 12:30 pm - 2:00 pm | West Houston Group Brunch | Randall's employee training room 11041 Westheimer Road at Wilcrest (S.E. corner)

Thursday, July 9 | 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 11 | 1:00 pm | Montgomery County Humanists Regular Meeting | Montgomery Co. Library in the Woodlands

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