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107TH SERVICE PROGRAM



Welcome and Introduction

Jim Ashmore

"The Origins of Biological Diversity on Earth: An Evolutionary Perspective."

Dr. Lesley Campbell

Announcements

Adam Hems

Evolution: A Freethinker's Perspective.

Jim Ashmore

"A New Season"

Daniel Strain / Art Fay

Closing

Anthony Stott

NEXT SERVICE – MARCH 8, 2009

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

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"Ignorance more frequently begets confidence than does knowledge: it is those who know little, not those who know much, who so positively assert that this or that problem will never be solved by science."

--Charles Darwin

CELEBRATE DARWIN DAY MEET-UP STYLE

From Nigel Bedrock – Atheist Meetups Organizer:

Our main February Meetup at Cafe Express Houston Atheists February Meetup at Woodway and Voss on 17th Feb (7pm) will be a special one.

On 12th Feb it's Charles Darwin's 200th birthday and later in the year it's the 150th anniversary of the publication of his *On the Origin of Species*.

To mark these events we will have a free raffle with prizes at the February Meetup.

*First prize is a limited edition Two British Pounds uncirculated Charles Darwin coin.

*Second prize is a copy of his *Voyage of the Beagle*.

*Third Prize is a copy of Darwin's autobiography.

As usual we will have a voluntary donation of \$1. In light of this special occasion I shall send the donation to the National Center for Science Education to defend the teaching of Evolution in our classrooms.

I hope you can join us.

9TH ANNIVERSARY PARTY

We are currently working on trying to plan an anniversary party for March 7th to celebrate the 9th anniversary of the founding of the HCOF. Details are not yet available so please stay tuned to the hcof-announce e-mail list for more details.

ANNUAL SPRING PICNIC

Mark your calendars for the 9th annual Freethought picnic. It is scheduled for Sunday, April 19, 2009 at Bear Creek Park from 1 to 5 p.m. Hamburgers, hot dogs, and soft drinks will be provided. Bring a dish to share if you can. We always have lots of

great food, good company and fun. More details to follow

JANUARY FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Donations for December totaled \$762.00 from the following sources: \$200 from mail, \$197.00 from the monthly service, and \$365 from PayPal. Expenses totaled \$925.09 for a NEGATIVE cash flow of \$163.09 for the month. January, 2009 expenses includes HCoF's portion of the December, 2008 Solstice party (\$241.56).

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.

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](mailto:jim.knierien@thermo.com) at jim.knierien@thermo.com

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

Thursday, February 12 | 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

Sunday, February 15 | 10:30 am | Coffee Social | at Borders Books & Music in Meyerland Plaza (I-610 W Loop S at Beechnut)

Tuesday, February 17 | 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm | Central Houston Atheist Meetup | Cafe Express at Woodway and Voss

Saturday, February 21 | 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, February 22 | 10:30 am - 12:00 noon | Ideas Club | At Dr Louis Daily's family house at 1506 North Boulevard.

Thursday, February 26 | 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, February 28 | 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, March 1 | 10:00 am - 12:00 noon | Coffee Social | at Borders Books & Music in Meyerland Plaza (I-610 W Loop S at Beechnut) |

Sunday, March 1 | 12:30 pm - 2:00 pm | West Houston Group Brunch | Randall's employee training room 11041 Westheimer Road at Wilcrest (S.E. corner)

Wednesday, March 4 | 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm | North Houston Atheist Meetup | Cafe Express at 5311 FM 1960 W |

Saturday, March 14 | 1:00 pm | Montgomery County Humanists Regular Meeting | Montgomery Co. Library in the Woodlands (2nd floor):

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