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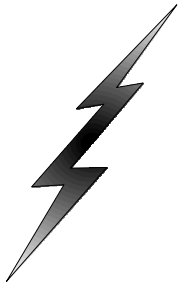
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November is Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month

November 8, 2009

116TH SERVICE PROGRAM



Welcome and Introduction

Jim Ashmore

” Can Society Evolve Beyond Religion? - A Prospectus”

Professor Steven Pena

Announcements

Anthony Stott

FTOTM: John Keats

Nancy Fay

Closing

Anthony Stott

NEXT SERVICE – DECEMBER 13, 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

“As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them.”

-John F. Kennedy

KAY STALEY’S NEW FIGHT!

Esteemed HCOF member and local Freethought activist Kay Staley has taken up a new battle in the ever present fight over the Separation of Church and State in the Houston area. After being successful in litigation against Harris County in getting a bible monument removed, she is not one to rest on her laurels. Late last month, she has filed a lawsuit in federal court against Houston City Council member Anne Clutterbuck over overly sectarian prayers that take place at the beginning of city council meetings. This is likely the beginning of another long drawn out legal battle that could take some

time to resolve. We wish her and her legal team, lead by Randall Kalinen, the best of luck in this new endeavor!!

2009 WINTER SOLSTICE PARTY

From the HFA Newsletter:

Save the Date! **Saturday, December 12th from 4:00 to 7:00** is the Houston Freethought Alliance Winter Solstice Party! The theme for this year is: *Celestial Splendor*. The party will be at the Memorial Park Golf Course Clubhouse (**1001 East Memorial Loop Drive Houston, TX 77007**). Our volunteer Committee is working hard to ensure the party is successful. Dress is casual and kids are welcome! We hope to see you there!

CAMP QUEST FLORIDA WINTER CAMP

Note: Camp Quest is the nation’s premier camp organization for the children of freethinkers!

Camp Quest Florida is accepting registrations for campers 8-17 years old until November 20, 2009. Don't put off signing up and reserving a spot for your camper this winter. Families are welcome to join us too. The camp will run from 12/25/09 to 1/1/10. Campers will receive three meals a day, a bunk bed in a single sex cabin with a CQ FL counselor of the same gender, a CQ FL t-shirt, a field trip to John Pennekamp Underwater State Park, visits to the beach, a short day hike, a canoe trip on a lagoon to see Florida wildlife, celebrate Festivus and New Year's Eve, participate in critical thinking activities and other fun arts and crafts and games, and enjoy a special visit from The Amazing Randi!

Your camper will make friends, have fun, and create memories to last a lifetime! Go to <http://www.florida.camp-quest.org> to register today!

CAMP QUEST TEXAS FUNDRAISER

The Camp Quest Texas first fundraiser of the year is a T-Shirt design contest and sale. Please go to <http://www.campquesttexas.org> for more information!

TEXAS FREETHOUGHT CONVENTION

November 14, 2009 12:00 PM
Alzafar Temple
901 North Loop 1604 West
San Antonio, TX 78232

This annual event brings together Atheists, agnostics, freethinkers, secularists, non-believers and humanists from across Texas. Join us for a day of exciting activities, from inspiring and informative lectures to social events including networking, live music, food, community and conversation with other like-minded free thinkers.

As always, the Texas Freethought Convention is a family-friendly event with plenty of activities for kids of all ages. Secular organizations are especially encouraged to attend. The convention is an ideal setting to exchange ideas and network with other organizations throughout the state of Texas.

The South Texas Blood & Tissue Center will be on site drawing blood from 2-5pm!

General Admission \$25.00
Student Admission \$20.00
Children 12 and under are FREE!

Learn more here:<http://www.meetup.com/Houston-Atheists/calendar/11370019/>

OCTOBER FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Donations:

Oct Services: 328.00
Mail: 100.00
Paypal: 330.00

Total Donations: 758.00

Total Expenses: 675.59

Net \$2.41

HCoF's Board of Directors approved a \$300 expenditure for the 2009 Solstice party. Our ability to support this celebration is directly related to the generosity of our individual donors. Thank you all!

Please continue to support our organization so that we can bring excellent programs to you each and every month.

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 at secularcenterusa@gmail.com

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

Saturday, November 15 | 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, November 16 | 10:30 am | Coffee Social | at Borders Books & Music in Meyerland Plaza (I-610 W Loop S at Beechnut)

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

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

Saturday, November 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.

Wednesday, December 2 | 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm | North Houston Atheist Meetup | Cafe Express at 5311 FM 1960 W |

Sunday, December 6 | 10:00 am - 12:00 noon | Coffee Social | at Borders Books & Music in Meyerland Plaza (I-610 W Loop S at Beechnut) |

Sunday, December 6 | 12:30 pm - 2:00 pm | West Houston Group Brunch | HEB at The Meeting Room 9710 Katy Freeway at Bunker Hill (NW corner)

Thursday, December 10 | 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, December 12 | 1:00 pm | Montgomery County Humanists Regular Meeting | Montgomery Co. Library in the Woodlands

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