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115TH SERVICE PROGRAM



Welcome and Introduction
Jim Ashmore

"Creation Myths"
Nancy Fay

Announcements Adam Hems

FTOTM: Daniel Radcliffe Anthony Stott

Closing Anthony Stott

NEXT SERVICE – NOVEMBER 8, 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

"There's never enough time to do nothing!"
--Daniel Radcliffe

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

HCoF has finally resolved the post office box issue, with generous assistance from Art Fay. As a result, we can now publish a comprehensive financial report for both August and September.

Donations:	August	Sept 2009	YTD
Services	323.00	230.00	2168.00
Mail	130.00	130.00	1505.00
Paypal	320.00	320.00	2806.80
Total Donations:	773.00	680.00	6479.80
Total Expenses:	710.11	681.92	6405.06
Net:	62.89 -	1.92	74.74

At the end of Sept, the account balances are:
 Checking: 1158.50
 Savings: 2005.26

Pending deposits at end of accounting period:
 \$260 (August and Sept mail donations)
 \$100 (October donation)
 Thus, total available cash for HCoF = 3523.76

We would like to thank all the generous donations to HCoF. Please continue to support our organization so that we can bring excellent programs to you each and every month.

MEMBER NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tine Davis will be celebrating her birthday on **October 28th**. Tina would also like to announce that her husband **Al Davis** will be celebrating his **65th** birthday on **October 17th**. To celebrate they will be making a trip to **Playa Del Carmen, Mexico!**

Anthony Stott would like to announce that his wife **Susan Stott** will be celebrating her birthday on **October 17th**.

Bob Finch will be giving his “**A Visit to Darwin’s House**” at the monthly **Humanists of Houston meeting**. He has made some additions to the presentation since he originally presented it to HCOF.

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, October 17 | 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, October 18 | 10:30 am | Coffee Social | at Borders Books & Music in Meyerland Plaza (I-610 W Loop S at Beechnut)

Tuesday, October 19 | 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm | Central Houston Atheist Meetup | Cafe Express at Woodway and Voss

Thursday, October 22 | 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, October 24 | 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, October 25 | 10:30 am - 12:00 noon | Ideas Club | At Dr Louis Daily’s family house at 1506 North Boulevard.

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

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

Thursday, November 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

Saturday, November 14 | 1:00 pm | Montgomery County Humanists Regular Meeting | Montgomery Co. Library in the Woodlands

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