

# THE HOUSTON CHURCH OF FREETHOUGHT

## Bulletin

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### 113TH SERVICE PROGRAM



**Welcome and Introduction**  
Bennie Matusek

**"Philosophy in the Service of  
Science: Teaching the ID  
Controversy"** Thi Lam

**FToTM: Harrison Ford** Art & Nancy Fay

**Announcements** Anthony Stott

**Closing** Anthony Stott

### NEXT SERVICE – SEPTEMBER 13, 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

"My parents did not practice any organized religion, although my father was raised Roman Catholic and my mother was Jewish. But there was always an ethical context to our lives, a very strong notion of individual moral responsibility."

--Harrison Ford

### WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT

The Houston Church of Freethought is please to announce the engagement of **Melanie Raney** and **Jim Ashmore**. Melanie, daughter of Marilyn and Keith Raney of Birmingham, Alabama is a graduate of the University of Alabama at Birmingham. She holds a degree in Material Sciences and has lived in Houston since 1996. Jim Ashmore, son of Glenn Ashmore of Laramie, Wyoming and Angela Bennett of Madison, Wisconsin is a graduate of the Colorado School of Mines. He holds a degree in Chemical Engineer and Petroleum Refining. He has lived and worked in Houston since 1991 and is a founding director of the Houston Church of Freethought. A wedding in the spring of 2010 is planned.

### JULY FINANCIAL SUMMARY

We found an error in June's report so this is a correction from last month:

Donations for June totaled \$819 from the following sources: \$100 from mail, \$299 from the monthly service, and \$420 from PayPal. Expenses totaled \$681.92 for a POSITIVE cash flow of \$137.08 for the month.

For the first half of 2009, donations were \$4284.80, expenses 4330.23 for a net NEGATIVE cash flow of \$45.43.

The source of the error was a misinterpretation of PayPal income and fees for which we apologize. The error has been corrected and the YTD checking and savings account balances tie exactly to the penny with the income and expense figures for the year.

### July 2009

Donations for July totaled \$742 from the following sources: \$160 from mail, \$262 from the monthly service, and \$320 from PayPal. Expenses totaled \$682.80 for a POSITIVE cash flow of \$59.20 for the month.

The Account Balances are as follows:

Checking: 1357.53

Savings: 2005.10

**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.

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**ROTATING EVENTS CALENDAR**

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*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](mailto:Jimk@HAL-pc.org)*

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

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

**Tuesday, August 18 | 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm** | Central Houston Atheist Meetup | Cafe Express at Woodway and Voss

**Saturday, August 22 | 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, August 23 | 10:30 am - 12:00 noon** | Ideas Club | At Dr Louis Daily's family house at 1506 North Boulevard.

**Thursday, August 27 | 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](mailto:rdfinch211@comcast.net)

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

**Sunday, September 6 | 12:30 pm - 2:00 pm** | West Houston Group Brunch | Randall's employee training room 11041 Westheimer Road at Wilcrest (S.E. corner)

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

**Thursday, September 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](mailto:rdfinch211@comcast.net)

**Saturday, September 12 | 1:00 pm** | Montgomery County Humanists Regular Meeting | Montgomery Co. Library in the Woodlands

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**MEMBER NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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**Jim Ashmore** and **Melanie Raney** have announced that they are **engaged!** (Please see article on Page 1)

**John** and **Bertha Schan** are proud to announce that they are **expecting their second child.** Their new **daughter** is expected to arrive around **Thanksgiving.** Mother and child are healthy!

**Anthony Stott** will be celebrating his **33<sup>rd</sup> birthday** on **August 11** and can't believe he is already almost **1/3 of a century old.**

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