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ASHS Affiliate

Alternative Medicine

This month's speaker at the regular meeting of the Humanist Association will be our Vice President, Manny Ratafia. He will present two views of alternative medicine - both pro and con.

Manny, now an investor in startup companies, comes to this topic with years of experience consulting on biotechnology, pharmaceuticals, and medical products. He has published five reports and organized two conferences on alternative medicine. These have been read and attended by executives of biotechnology and pharmaceutical companies, officials from both the United States and other governments, and researchers and administrators of universities.

More than 100 newspapers and magazines have published Manny's analysis and commentary and he has been interviewed on national and international television. Manny's talk on alternative medicine is an opportunity to discuss this controversial and exciting subject with him.

Bring a friend and come to our meeting on Monday, August 21. The evening will begin at 7:30 p.m. with half an hour of coffee and conversation. Manny's talk will start at 8:00 p.m.

Calendar of Events

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Fri., 4	Humanist Conversations at 700 Hartford Turnpike.	7:30 p.m.
Sun., 6	Board meeting at USNH, 700 Hartford Turnpike.	1:30 p.m.
Mon., 21	Monthly meeting at USNH, 700 Hartford Turnpike. Coffee and conversation.	7:30 p.m.
	Program: Manny Ratafia will present "Alternative Medicine: One Man, Two Views."	8:00 p.m.

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Mon., 18	Monthly meeting at USNH, 700 Hartford Turnpike. Coffee and conversation.	7:30 p.m.
	Main program: Doug Peary presents an encore performance of "Voltaire: Humanist Hero."	8:00 p.m.
Sun., 24	Board meeting at USNH, 700 Hartford Turnpike.	1:30 p.m.
TBA	Humanist Conversations at 700 Hartford Turnpike.	7:30 p.m.

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Mon., 16	Monthly meeting at USNH, 700 Hartford Turnpike. Coffee and conversation.	7:30 p.m.
	Main program: Pre-election debate.	8:00 p.m.
Sun., 22	Board meeting at USNH, 700 Hartford Turnpike.	1:30 p.m.
TBA	Humanist Conversations at 700 Hartford Turnpike.	7:30 p.m.

USNH Summer Programs

This summer the Unitarian Society of New Haven, 700 Hartford Turnpike, is presenting a series of interesting programs. Our own Walter Wells and David Schafer are among the speakers! I'm sorry to report that Walter's presentation, *The Joy of Opera*, has already passed, but it is possible that some might be able to catch David's talk, "The Fundamental Ideas of Chinese Science", on Sunday, July 30.

Other talks scheduled for the remainder of the summer include "Do U Want to be a Millionaire" by Tom Hardin on August 6, "Physics, Astronomy, and Religion" by Jim Bond on August 13, "The Positive Aspects of Aging" by Nancy Roberts and Sophie Dutton on August 20 and a presentation of the Unitarian Universalist Association's General Assembly on August 27.

The programs are part of the Sunday morning service at 10:15 a.m. Child care is available.

MEMBERSHIP DUES

Adult \$35
Family \$50
In cases of financial hardship, the association may waive the membership fee. The membership year runs from 1/1 to 12/31.

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Humanist Conversations

The recommended reading for this month's discussion is *Pragmatism: A Reader* by Louis Menand (Editor).

We will meet at 700 Hartford Turnpike on Friday, August 4, at 7:30 p.m. This month we will order out for pizza.

RSVP to Dine in Hartford

This month we have reservations for Thursday, August 31, at 7:00 p.m. at Carmichael's Restaruant, 682 Wethersfield Avenue in Hartford. Please RSVP to Carol Stone at (203) 264-8546 or any board member so we can confirm the number of participants.

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