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## “Clarence Darrow, Humanist Hero”

Join us on Sunday, May 26, at 2 p.m., when we'll hear about the efforts of Clarence Darrow, Esq., whose historic battle to defend the teaching of Darwin's ideas against Williams Jennings Bryan, Esq., in Tennessee's Scopes Trial has become an almost legendary part of America's past. This latest installment in the popular series of biographical sketches of “Humanist Heroes,” by our vice-president, Rev. Douglas Peary, will place the trial in the rich context of Darrow's lifelong battle against ignorance and intolerance.

We hope and expect that Doug will be able to present the talk himself, but as he is presently recuperating from serious surgery to repair an arterial aneurysm in his brain he has given a copy of it to Rev. Robert Rafford to deliver, just in case. Either way we can expect an enlightening and stimulating talk, followed by a lively discussion.

We'll start off the afternoon at 2:00 with refreshments and informal conversation. At 2:20 Joe Stachelek, will speak on “Why I Am a Humanist.”

So come and bring a friend on Sunday, May 26, at 2 p.m. to the Unitarian Society of New Haven, 700 Hartford Turnpike in Hamden.

## Calendar of Events

### MAY, 2002

Mon., 6	Dinner at Gabriele Restaurant, 326 Boston Post Road, Orange	7:00 p.m.
Thu., 9	Dinner at Connecticut's oldest inn, the Curtis House, Main Street South, Woodbury	7:00 p.m.
Fri., 10	Conversations, USNH, 700 Hartford Turnpike Topic: <i>Israel and Palestine, Present and Future</i>	7:30 p.m.
Fri. 10 to Sun. 12	61st Annual American Humanist Association Conference — Houston, Texas	
Sun., 26	Monthly meeting, USNH, 700 Hartford Turnpike	2:00 p.m.
	Coffee and conversation	2:00 p.m.
	Joe Stachelek — <i>Why I am a Humanist</i>	2:25 p.m.
	Main program. Doug Peary: <i>Clarence Darrow — Humanist Hero</i>	2:30 p.m.

### JUNE, 2002

Sat., 1	Annual picnic at the Raffords' home in Middlebury.	12 noon
Mon., 3	Dinner at Gabriele Restaurant, 326 Boston Post Road, Orange	7:00 p.m.
Fri., 7	Conversations, USNH, 700 Hartford Turnpike Topic: <i>Communal Conflicts</i>	7:30 p.m.
Sun., 9	Board meeting, USNH, 700 Hartford Turnpike	2:00 p.m.

## “Israel and Palestine, Present and Future”

Join us on Friday, May 10, at 7:30 p.m., in the library of the Unitarian Society of New Haven, 700 Hartford Turnpike, Hamden. We will take up the urgent question of Palestine and Israel, with Cynthia Harvey once again leading the discussion. To stimulate your thinking you might take a look at the latest (May/June) issue of *The Humanist*, which features three articles about the subject, covering a range of topics: a recent interview with an Afghan woman, a portrayal of Turkey as a secular state with a heavily Muslim population, and an article written by our very own David Schafer, “Islam and Terrorism: a Humanist View.” As usual, optional pizza will be provided at \$5 per person.

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# Picnic Directions - June 1

Our annual picnic will be held June 1, rain or shine, at the lovely home of Dr. Rob and Ms. Joan Rafford, 57 Clearview Knoll Rd., Middlebury. Festivities run from 12 noon, to between 3 and 4 p.m.

Bring something to eat and drink for yourself, a little food to share (hot or cold, salad, dessert, fruit, vegetables, or what have you), and please bring a chair. The Raffords will provide hot dogs on the grill.

Telephone: (203) 758-9798 if you need extra directions.

*From the New Haven area:*

Take Rte. 8 north to I-84 and go west to Exit 17. From the exit go straight ahead (west) on Rte. 64 to the stoplight...

*From the Stamford area:*

Take Rte. 7 north to I-84 and go east to Exit 17. At the exit turn left onto Rte. 63, go straight to the stoplight (Rte. 64), and turn left again onto Rte. 64...

*From the junction of Rte. 64 with Rte. 63:*

Head west on Rte. 64 less than one mile, passing through one more stoplight. If you pass a gas station you have gone too far. On the right, look for Tzepos Law Firm sign. At that sign, turn right onto Clearview Knoll Road and drive to the top of the hill. #57 is on the left. Park in the driveway (2 cars wide) or on the street.

# Dinner Meetings

We have reservations at Gabriele Restaurant, 326 Boston Post Road, Orange, on May 6 and June 3. The cuisine is Italian and the prices are in the \$16-\$23 range for an entree.

We'll also be meeting for dinner in Woodbury at the Curtis House on Thursday, May 9 at 7:00 p.m.

Please RSVP for either or both of these dinners to Carol Stone ([editor@cthumanist.org](mailto:editor@cthumanist.org) or (203) 264-8546).

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