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Democracy Workshop

With all the recent talk about exporting American ideals of democracy to the rest of the world, even down the barrel of a gun, some of us are becoming concerned about the possibility that we could lose our own democracy if we do not pay close attention.

For our regular monthly meeting, Monday, August 16, we are planning to hold a workshop on practical democracy. This event will be loosely based on the ideas of a book entitled "Doing Democracy: The MAP Model for Organizing Social Movements" (the acronym "MAP" conveniently stands for "Movement Action Plan"). In this book the authors divide activist roles into four categories—citizen, rebel, change agent, and reformer—and follow each role through "eight stages of any social movement," from Stage One (Normal Times), to Stage Eight (Continuing the Struggle).

As usual the meeting will open at 7:30 p.m. with an informal half hour of refreshments and conversation, and the workshop will begin at 8:00. We'll distribute handouts based on the book.

David Schafer will act as coordinator, with volunteers from

Calendar of Events

AUGUST, 2004

Mon., 16	Monthly meeting, USNH, 700 Hartford Turnpike, Hamden	7:30 p.m.
	Coffee and conversation	7:30 p.m.
	Main program. Democracy Workshop, coordinated by Dr. David Schafer.	8:00 p.m.
Sun., 22	Board meeting, USNH, 700 Hartford Turnpike, Hamden	2:00 p.m.
Wed., 25	Dinner at Lisboa Restaurante, 19 Lafayette St., Waterbury	7:00 p.m.
Sat., 28	Humanist Conversations, 700 Hartford Turnpike, Hamden. Bring-a-book session.	2:30 p.m.

SEPTEMBER, 2004

Mon., 13	Dinner at Pasta Fair, 262 Boston Post Road, Orange. RSVP at humanism.meetup.com	7:00 p.m.
Mon., 20	Monthly meeting, USNH, 700 Hartford Turnpike, Hamden	7:30 p.m.
	Coffee and conversation	7:30 p.m.
	Main program. Ken Feder: <i>How Archaeology Didn't Clear Up the Roswell UFO Incident and How it Should Have.</i>	8:00 p.m.
Sat., 25	Humanist Conversations, 700 Hartford Turnpike, Hamden. Topic: TBA.	2:30 p.m.
Sun., 26	Board meeting, USNH, 700 Hartford Turnpike, Hamden	2:00 p.m.
Wed., 29	Dinner at the Curtis House, 506 Main Street South, Woodbury	7:00 p.m.

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the audience taking various roles. You're all invited to come and participate as fully or as little as you like in the give and/or take

of the workshop, all in good serious fun. Come and bring a friend!

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Conversations

Our next conversation will be one of our popular “Bring-a-book” sessions, where we get to share what we’ve been reading recently. Please bring one book that you’ve read recently and which you think is worth recommending to other HAC members. There may be time for a second book. No topic is off-limits, so if you’ve been re-reading Enid Blyton, feel free to let us know!

Join us at 700 Hartford Turnpike on Saturday, August 28 at 2:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

Dinner at Lisboa

Our regular Danbury/Waterbury area dinner will be taking a break from our usual haunt of the Curtis House this month. On Wednesday, August 25th, we’ll meet at 7:00 p.m. for dinner at Lisboa, 19 Lafayette Street, Waterbury. Surprisingly, it’s a Portuguese restaurant. Separate checks may be a problem, so please bring some change.

The restaurant is just off Rt. 8 exit 30. This is the first exit going south on Rt. 8 from I-84 in Waterbury. If heading south, turn left under the highway at the end of the exit ramp, and go straight on Washington Avenue. If heading north, follow the one-way street from the end of the ramp to the first traffic light, and take a right onto Washington Avenue.

Once on Washington you immediately pass under a train trestle, and Lafayette is the next street on your right. The restaurant is the first building on the left, and the dining room is at the far end of the building. Please RSVP to Carol Stone at (203) 264-8546 or editor@cthumanist.org. Reservations will be under Carol’s name.

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