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# The HUMANIST ASSOCIATION of CONNECTICUT

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## David & June Schafer, Humanist Heroes

Join us Monday, May 21, at 7:30 p.m. at 700 Hartford Turnpike in Hamden when the Humanist Association of Connecticut's vice-president, Rev. Douglas Peary, will return with a very special addition to his "Humanist Heroes" series. This month his subject will be our very own Dr. David and June Schafer.

Dr. David and June Schafer were cofounders with Rev. Robert and Joan Rafford of The Humanist Association of Central Connecticut in 1989. The name was later changed to The Humanist Association of Connecticut. David and June have continuously held major roles in the direction of our organization.

They were born five days apart in Wichita Kansas in 1931 and were placed in the same bed. Their parents went in different directions so they didn't know each other until age 13. Their youth was filled with achievement; their young adulthood was filled with exceptional education. Married in 1949, they had a son and daughter, and later went to India where they worked to cure disease and educate children of the streets and of the well-to-do.

They brought Indian youth to America, treated them as family, and aided in their advanced education. David and June's lives were spent in medicine and education. They have been active in Unitarian Universalism, Humanism, and social action all of their lives, and still are, after 63 years of marriage.

We will start with half an hour of coffee and conversation at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, May 21, at 700 Hartford Turnpike in Hamden. Doug's talk will follow brief announcements at 8:00 p.m.

## Calendar of Events

Unless otherwise noted, all programs are held at USNH, 700 Hartford Turnpike, Hamden, CT. RSVP for dinners at [meetup.com/cthumanist](http://meetup.com/cthumanist).

### MAY

Sat., 5	Humanist Conversations: The Reason Rally	2:30 p.m.
Sun., 6	Connecticut Food Bank's "Walk Against Hunger" at East Rock Park in New Haven	1:00 p.m.
Mon., 7	Social Dinner at Turkish Kebab House, 1157 Campbell Ave., West Haven. (203) 933-0002	7:00 p.m.
Sat., 12	Book discussion: <i>The Road</i> by Cormac McCarthy.	3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Sun., 20	Board meeting	2:30 p.m.
Mon., 21	Monthly Meeting Main program: Doug Peary "David & June Schafer, Humanist Heroes"	7:30 p.m. 8:00 p.m.
Tue., 22	Hartford Area Dinner at Hanafins Pub, 21 Rankin Rd., Glastonbury. (860) 659-8599. Guest Speaker: Larry Rifkin	6:30 p.m.
Sun., 27	Memorial Day Cookout at Crystal Lake, 100 Livingston Road in Middletown	12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m.

### JUNE

Sat., 2	Humanist Conversations: TBA	2:30 p.m.
Mon., 4	Social Dinner at Turkish Kebab House, 1157 Campbell Ave., West Haven. (203) 933-0002	7:00 p.m.
Sat., 9	Book discussion: <i>god is not Great</i> by Christopher Hitchens, at Stephany Cousins' home in Bethany.	3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Sun., 24	Board meeting	2:30 p.m.
Tue., 26	Hartford Area Dinner at Hanafins Pub, 21 Rankin Rd., Glastonbury. (860) 659-8599. Guest speaker: Susan Campbell	6:30 p.m.
Sat., 30	Annual picnic at the Raffords' home in Middlebury	12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m.

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## Humanist Cinema on May 4

Enjoy a potluck dinner, Academy-Award winning film and conversation this Friday, May 4, at 6:30 p.m. at 700 Hartford Turnpike in Hamden!

Start with a potluck dinner beginning promptly at 6:30 p.m., then at 7:00 watch Charles Ferguson's acclaimed 2010 documentary of the truth behind the devastating economic crisis of 2008. "Inside Job" was the first and is still one of the best films attempting to explain exactly what happened to cause the financial disaster with the after-effects that continue to plague the economies of the world. Called "the film that cost over \$20,000,000,000,000 to make," and hailed as "a crime story like no other in history" and "a powerhouse of a documentary that will leave you both thunderstruck and boiling with rage," it won many coveted critical prizes, including an Academy Award in 2011 for Best Documentary, Features.

After the movie join in the ensuing vigorous discussion, led by David Schafer and Kenny Foscue.

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## Walk Against Hunger, May 6

The Humanist Association of Connecticut will be participating in this year's Connecticut Food Bank Walk Against Hunger at East Rock Park in New Haven on Sunday, May 6. Registration begins at 1 p.m. and the walk starts at 2 p.m. Feel free to join us at the last minute, or make a gift in person or on-line. Our team page on the Connecticut Food Bank's walk site is at: <http://ctfb.convoio.net/goto/wag-nh-2012-hac>. Donations are also accepted at any HAC event.

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## Conversations: Reason Rally Redux

On Saturday, May 5 at 2:30 p.m. at 700 Hartford Turnpike in Hamden we'll show archival footage from the coverage of the recent Reason Rally in Washington, DC. Refreshments will be served.

## May 12 Book Group: "The Road"

On May 12, we will discuss *The Road* by Cormac McCarthy. This novel won the Pulitzer Prize for literature in 2006. This is a very dark novel with some rather disturbing scenes and with strong religious (and humanist) themes. This should lead to some very interesting discussion. The discussion will be from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at 700 Hartford Turnpike in Hamden.

## Hartford Area Dinner & Speaker

We are pleased to announce that Larry Rifkin will be our guest speaker at our Hartford area social dinner on Tuesday, May 22. His topic will be, "What does humanism say about our place in the universe, and does it make any difference?" The meeting will be held at Hanafin's Pub, 21 Rankin Rd, Glastonbury, with socializing and drinks at 6:30 p.m. and dinner at 7:00 p.m.

## Cookout, Rain or Shine

Brian Ditter and Tara McLaughlin invite HAC to a cookout and pot luck the day before Memorial Day, Sunday, May 27, from noon to 4:00 p.m. under the pavilion at Crystal Lake Park, 100 Livingston Road, Middletown. Please RSVP to Brian Ditter by text at (860) 262-1291, voice at (860) 704-0439, or Tara McLaughlin at (860) 545-5065. Please let Brian know if you can help set up that morning. Brian and Tara will provide burgers/dogs, beverages, chips, and fixings. Please bring a dish to share. Tell the attendant you're there for the cookout at the pavilion to avoid paying the entrance fee.

From **New Haven**: Take I-91 N to exit 15 for CT-68 toward Yalesville/Durham. In 0.3 mi. turn right onto CT-68. In 0.9 miles route 68 takes a left. Follow 68 for 4.2 miles, when you will turn left onto CT-17 (Main St.) Take your 2nd right (0.5 mile) onto Haddam Quarter Rd. In 1.7 miles turn left at Arbutus St. In 1.4 miles bear right onto Livingston Rd. In 0.6 miles turn left into the park. The pavilion will be on your left.

From **Hartford**: Take I-91 S and take exit 22S on the left to merge onto CT-9 S toward Middletown. Take exit 11. At the end of the exit turn left onto CT-155 (Randolph Rd.) toward CT-17/Durham. In 0.7 mile, turn left at Millbrook Rd. (there's a traffic light and a fire station on your left). In 1.4 miles turn right onto Livingston Rd. then turn right into the park. The pavilion will be on your left.

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