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Atheists Helping the Homeless

The Secular Volunteer Corps is collaborating with the Texas-based group "Atheists Helping the Homeless". An ongoing supply drive (supplies collected at the Hub) will end Sunday, January 31, and on that day we will gather volunteers to give out the collected supplies at Civic Center Park.

The group, founded in Austin and recently expanded to Denver, has a website at:

<http://www.atxahh.com>

A nearby page lists helpful items to donate, such as travel-size toiletries, seasonally appropriate clothing and accessories, but no medicine and nothing for children.

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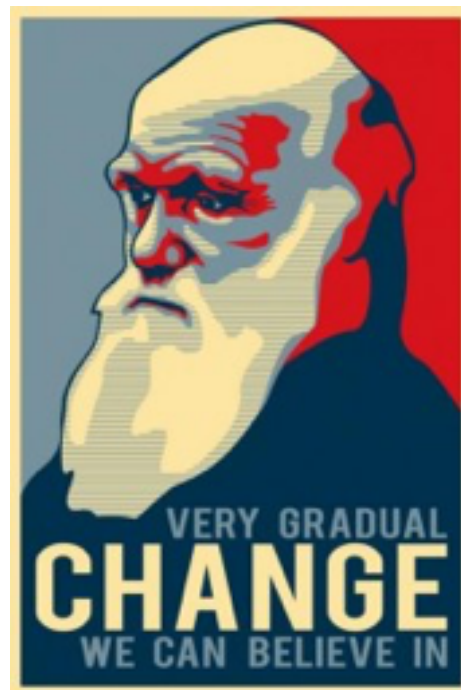
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Third Birthday For The Hub On Darwin Day

Seems like only last year we were painting the inside of what had been an Obama campaign office, installing the interior door, purchasing chairs and dishes, and making plans for this most indispensable of secular organizations.

But it was three years ago. The Secular Hub officially opened its doors on Darwin Day 2013, and we have treated each subsequent Darwin Day as a birthday celebration. So it is in 2016 - come by Friday, February 12, to join in.

Darwin Day serves as a celebration of science and critical thinking, but specifically also of evolution, a long-established fact of science that is nevertheless unacceptable to retrograde religionists. It is therefore a natural day of celebration for secularists, even those who are not knowledgeable about evolution, called by Richard Dawkins "arguably the most powerful idea ever".



HUMANISTS OF COLORADO

Darwin Day Speaking Opportunity

Humanists like the sound of their own voices, maybe too much sometimes. But come February 12th, you will have a chance to hear the sound of your own voice speaking for a few minutes in front of an audience at the Hub

On Darwin Day the Hub will offer a speaker at 7:30, but at 6:30 the HOC will offer its own take.

Members of ... secular groups will do mini-presentations in honor of Charles, evolution, the scientific method, & related issues. The length can range from 5-15 minutes.

Since you share these priorities, I am asking you to agree to be one of the mini-speakers (you don't have to be mini, just your presentation). Since I volunteered to organize this, your refusal will make me look bad & I will no longer send you Xmas cards.

Your presentation doesn't have to be Pulitzer Prize-worthy, just something that focuses on how Lord (sorry about that) Darwin contributed to civilization. I am pleading with you to volunteer because I strongly want to encourage group members to be more active, more participatory (impressive word, huh?) in events. We ordinary people are very capable of contributing knowledge to those who attend our meetups.

Humanists of the Year

It has been a few years since we have reminded ourselves of the long list of awesome people who have been designated the AHA Humanist of the Year. In the list below, see how many names you recognize, and ask yourself whether there is another single list that includes as many eminent scientists, writers, and thought leaders. Well, apart from the Nobel prizes, of course.

Lawrence Krauss - 2015
 Barney Frank - 2014
 Dan Savage - 2013
 Gloria Steinem - 2012
 Rebecca N. Goldstein - 2011
 Bill Nye - 2010
 PZ Myers - 2009
 Pete Stark - 2008
 Joyce Carol Oates - 2007
 Steven Pinker - 2006
 Murray Gell-Mann - 2005
 Daniel C. Dennett - 2004
 Sherwin T. Wine - 2003
 Steven Weinberg - 2002
 Stephen Jay Gould - 2001
 Bill Schulz - 2000
 Edward O. Wilson - 1999
 Barbara Ehrenreich - 1998
 Alice Walker - 1997
 Richard Dawkins - 1996
 Ashley Montagu - 1995
 Lloyd Morain - 1994
 Mary Morain - 1994
 Richard D. Lamm - 1993
 Kurt Vonnegut - 1992
 Lester R. Brown - 1991
 Werner Fornos - 1991
 Ted Turner - 1990
 Gerald A. Larue - 1989
 Leo Pfeffer - 1988
 Margaret Atwood - 1987
 Faye Wattleton - 1986
 John K. Galbraith - 1985
 Isaac Asimov - 1984

Lester A. Kirkendall - 1983
 Helen Caldicott - 1982
 Carl Sagan - 1981
 Andrei Sakharov - 1980
 Edwin H. Wilson - 1979
 Margaret E. Kuhn - 1978
 Corliss Lamont - 1977
 Jonas E. Salk - 1976
 Betty Friedan - 1975
 Henry Morgentaler - 1975
 Mary Calderone - 1974
 Joseph Fletcher - 1974
 Thomas Szasz - 1973
 B.F. Skinner - 1972
 Albert Ellis - 1971
 A. Philip Randolph - 1970
 Buckminster Fuller - 1969
 Benjamin Spock - 1968
 Abraham H. Maslow - 1967
 Erich Fromm - 1966
 Hudson Hoagland - 1965
 Carl Rogers - 1964
 Hermann J. Muller - 1963
 Julian Huxley - 1962
 Linus Pauling - 1961
 Leo Szilard - 1960
 Brock Chisholm - 1959
 Oscar Riddle - 1958
 Margaret Sanger - 1957
 C. Judson Herrick - 1956
 James P. Warbasse - 1955
 Arthur F. Bentley - 1954
 Anton J. Carlson - 1953

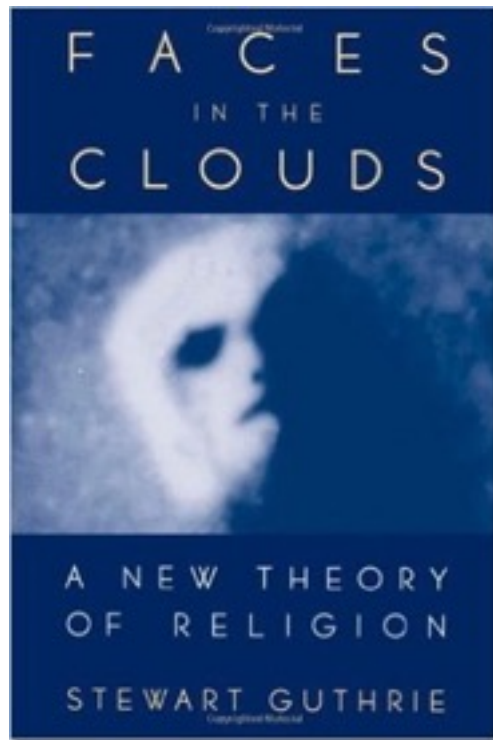
BOULDER ATHEISTS

Boulder Atheists held our Winter Solstice Party at BJ's Restaurant & Brewhouse in Boulder on Sunday, December 20th. The party was open to anyone who wished to attend, and with at least 33 members, non-member followers and guests attending we occupied an entire reserved section of the restaurant. An all-you-can-eat pizza and pasta buffet was provided by BJ's for those who chose to pay the attendance fee, while anyone ordering from the menu was admitted free of charge.

Several first time members and guests attended, making for an interesting night of meeting new people and hearing their stories. We registered 3 new members who paid their annual dues in order to join us as card-carrying atheists. The fun lasted until after 7:00 PM. Thanks go out to all those who attended, with a special 'Thanks' to the new members who joined BA.

Boulder Atheists have established a new price structure designed to offer a discount for multiple members of the same family. The standard \$30 yearly membership dues will remain in effect for the first member of any family while all additional family members may join for half price, or \$15. Each member will receive their own membership card which will entitle them to full voting privileges and discounts to any group activities that require a fee.

Our first monthly membership meeting of 2016 was held on Sunday January 24th from 12:15 PM to 2:00 PM at the Main Boulder Public Library, 1001 Arapahoe Ave. It featured a talk by one of our members, Stewart Guthrie, entitled "Religion as Anthropomorphism: A Cognitive Theory". Stewart Guthrie is the author of the book *Faces in the Clouds*.



Abstract: " Despite centuries of scholarship on 'religion,' no general agreement exists either on a definition of this term or on a theory to explain the phenomena it labels. Some agreement does exist, however, that the term should include ostensible human relationships with other-than-human persons. Starting with this agreement, I argue that religion is best conceived as anthropomorphism and that anthropomorphism is broader, deeper, and more diverse in human thought and action than is commonly acknowledged. Centrally, I argue that anthropomorphism is, in large part, a byproduct of an evolved cognitive strategy: that is, faced with an ambiguous phenomenon, [we] guess at the most important [not necessarily the most likely] possibility. Following the talk, we will have a question-and-answer period. as time permits".

SECULAR HUB



I could do the design of a new [Secular Hub](#) website all by myself, but it would be a lot more interesting if you joined me, we learned from each other and created a collaborative community...

I need your skills... if you are interested contact... info@secularhub.org

Hub Elections Coming Up

The three-year-old Secular Hub is an all-volunteer democratic non-profit organization run by a Board of Directors that will undergo elections this Spring. (If you want to vote in those elections, and you are not currently a member of the Hub, join now, because those who have been members fewer than three months will not be permitted to vote, according to the Hub Bylaws.) Four Board seats will be open, and now is the best possible time for you to think about running for one of them.

At the same time, the Hub has needs for people to help out in several areas. We need, for example, a secretary, a person to head up the Secular Volunteer Corps, and a person to update the Secular Hub website. New ads, sampled on this page, make this point better than text ever could.



Without you, the board just isn't cool.

We need Officers for Secular Hub, particularly someone who can facilitate twice monthly board meetings, do the agenda and keep minutes.

If you are interested contact... info@secularhub.org or any board member.

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Events

[Details in Online Calendar](#)

Sunday, January 24

10:00 AM (Hub) Coffee and Community

12:15 PM (BA) Boulder Atheists monthly meeting, at Boulder Public Library, featuring a talk by Stewart Guthrie

2:15 PM (BA) Lunch at the Med on Walnut, Boulder

Monday, January 25

5:30 PM (Hub) Social Hour Southeast, at Darcy's Bistro and Pub, 4955 S. Ulster

6:30 PM (Hub) Freethinkers in AA

Tuesday, January 26

10:00 AM (Hub) Work/Study at the Hub

Thursday, January 28

12:30 PM (BA) Lunch at 3 Margaritas, 28th and Iris, Boulder

4:00 PM (BA) Afternoon Coffee at Vic's Coffee, 30th Street, Boulder

6:30 PM (Hub) Movie Night: "Basquiat" at 7 on the big screen at the Hub

Friday, January 29

6:30 PM (Hub) Final Friday Hub Hang - Comfort Food Edition

More Events

[Details in Online Calendar](#)

Saturday, January 30

9:30 AM (Hub) Freethinkers in AA

Sunday, January 31

10:00 AM (Hub) Coffee and Community

11:00 AM (SVC) Atheists Helping the Homeless Denver Giveaway

11:00 AM (SAC) Road Trip to Breckenridge for the Snow Sculpture Championship

Monday, February 1

6:30 PM (Hub) Freethinkers in AA

Tuesday, February 2

10:00 AM (Hub) Work/Study at the Hub

6:00 PM (Hub) Open Board Meeting

7:00 PM (BA) Monthly Evening Social at Murphy's, Boulder

Wednesday, February 3

7:00 PM (Hub) Biweekly Meditation Meetup

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Yet More Events

Details in [Online Calendar](#)

Thursday, February 4

12:30 PM (BA) Lunch at 3 Margaritas, 28th and Iris, Boulder

4:00 PM (BA) Afternoon Coffee at Vic's Coffee, 30th Street, Boulder

6:30 PM (Hub) Movie Night: "Galaxy Quest" at 7 on the big screen at the Hub, in memory of the late Alan Rickman

Saturday, February 6

9:30 AM (Hub) Freethinkers in AA

Sunday, February 7

10:00 AM (Hub) Coffee and Community

Monday, February 8

6:30 PM (Hub) Freethinkers in AA

Tuesday, February 9

10:00 AM (Hub) Work/Study at the Hub

5:30 PM (Hub) Newbie Night

Wednesday, February 10

6:00 PM (Hub) Meet Charles Darwin at the Denver Museum of Nature and Science (\$18 entrance fee)

Yet More Events

Details in [Online Calendar](#)

Thursday, February 11

12:30 PM (BA) Lunch at 3 Margaritas, 28th and Iris, Boulder

4:00 PM (BA) Afternoon Coffee at Vic's Coffee, 30th Street, Boulder

6:30 PM (Hub) Movie Night: TBD at 7 on the big screen at the Hub

Friday, February 12

6:30 PM (HOC) Intro to Darwin Day at the Hub

7:30 PM (Hub) Darwin Day at the Hub, featuring a talk by TBD

Saturday, February 13

9:30 AM (Hub) Freethinkers in AA

3:00 PM (SAC) Let's Take a Swing at Top Golf (in Centennial)

3:00 PM (Hub) African-American Humanist Temple

Sunday, February 14

10:00 AM (Hub) Coffee and Community

1:00 PM (Hub) Party Games at the Hub

SECULAR CONTACTS

This permanent page will contain contact information for all groups included in this newsletter. It is a work in progress as of this issue, however!

Secular Hub

Website: <http://www.secularhub.org>

Meetup: <http://www.meetup.com/SecularHub/>

Humanists of Colorado

Website: <http://humanistsofcolorado.org>

Meetup: <http://www.meetup.com/humanism-160>

Boulder Atheists

Website: <http://www.boulderatheists.org>

Meetup: <http://www.meetup.com/Boulder-Atheists/>

Freedom From Religion Foundation

Meetup: <http://www.meetup.com/FFRF-Denver/>

Sunday Assembly

Meetup: <http://www.meetup.com/Sunday-Assembly-Denver/>

Secular Volunteer Corps

(Organized by the Secular Hub)

Americans United

Meetup: <http://www.meetup.com/Americans-United-for-Separation-of-Church-State-Colorado/>

Secular Adventure Crew

Meetup: <http://www.meetup.com/SecularAdventureCrew/>