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Thanksgiving

Again this year the Hub will hold a casual dinner on Thanksgiving afternoon, 4:30 or so, for those of us who will not be taking planes, trains, or automobiles to spend the day with family.

Whom does a secular-minded group thank on such a day? The cooks, of course! Main dishes will be provided by the Hub. Anyone joining us, please bring side dishes or desserts. (Last year there were WAY too many pies - just sayin'.)

This tradition was started just last year, but it was a great time, with a mega-table in the middle of the Hub, and a pleasant ambiance, with no arguments about religion! We think it will become a Hub standard as the years go by. Hey, even if you're eating elsewhere that day, swing by to say hi.

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Poetry at the Hub



The Humanists of Colorado are very pleased to be able to bring Colorado's current Poet Laureate, Joseph Hutchison, to the Hub for a talk on Sunday, November 15. The event will begin at 6:00 PM with a selection of local open-mike-style poets, followed by Hutchison at 7:00, who will recite some of his poetry and take questions. Dinner will be available to be delivered during the evening.

The tradition of Colorado Poet Laureate will soon be a century old, and its current incarnation is a Denver native (North High School). Hutchison, currently connected to DU's University College, has published 15 poetry collections, and makes some poems available on his website at http://www.jhwriter.com/?page_id=8.

"I think poets are sensitive to the underlying vibrations, trends and conflicts in a society and try to give voice to that. They sometimes seem prescient because they're sensitive to those changes, but at the same time they're speaking from a particular point of view, place and time."

SECULAR HUB

State of the Hub Dinner

The 2015 State of the Hub Dinner was a pleasant evening with a delicious meal catered by Serendipity, the favorite caterer of the Secular Hub. (Leftovers were frozen until Thanksgiving!) At left, President Dave F. talks up the Hub after dinner.



Our Mission

To raise the awareness of the secular movement in Colorado and provide a physical space for the secular community to come together, learn, grow, and thrive.

The last year rocked at the Hub, with membership up, bank balance up, and the number of high-visibility events certainly up.



COMMUNITY: SPECIAL EVENTS

- Colorado Secular Conference
- Secular Holidays
 - Winter Solstice Party
 - Summer Solstice Picnic
 - Haunted Hub
- Themed Hub Hangs
- At Large
 - People's Fair
 - Tour de Fat (line)

We plan to keep doing what we are doing. You should keep doing what you are doing, too - only do more of it! Let's keep the momentum going for our favorite home away from home, the Secular Hub!

FUTURE DIRECTIONS

- Bylaws revisions
- New Job Descriptions and Committees
- 1st Annual Member Meeting and Board Elections in the Spring
- Renaming the annual Fundraising Dinner
- Introducing a new Building Fund
- Focus on Member Benefits and Retention
- Exploring our Identity

Thank you for being a part of the Secular Hub Community!

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SECULAR VOLUNTEER CORPS

New Leader Sought

Since being founded a couple of years ago by Chauncey W., the Secular Volunteer Corps (then called the Community Service Committee of the Secular Hub) has been through three leaders: Chauncey, Richard B. for several months, and Scot S., who has been the leader for over a year.

Scot, though, is also a Board Member of the Secular Hub, and after a good run leading up the Corps, he plans to step down from the role at the end of 2015.

Wondering whether you might be a good fit for this role? The duties are not extensive. Run a very casual committee meeting, perhaps once every month or two, and make sure that somebody has planned the events.

Traditionally the SVC has carried out about two volunteer events per month, maybe 24 per year. Six or so of these consist of our Adopt-A-Street program on downing, leaving maybe 18 events to be planned. Several of these are repeats, easy to get going. So about one event per month needs to be planned. If you are a good delegator, you might not need to plan much of anything!

Contact any Hub Board member for more info.

Never Too Late To Help



In 2014 the Secular Volunteer Corps collected coats at the Hub. Dozens of coats. Five very large, very heavy plastic bags full of them.

In December we Hub volunteers rounded up the coats and took them to one of the many Coats For Colorado drop-off points, only to discover that the collection closes down each year at the end of November!

The coats spent the next ten months safe and sound in a closet, and were finally dropped off in October 2015, in plenty of time for this season. We skipped a coat collection this year, but might hold another one in 2016.

That's the thing about doing good deeds, the opportunities never run out. There are needy people, and there always will be, if "needy" is defined broadly enough. Haven't found the time to join the SVC in helping people out? No problem, sometimes we're late ourselves, but we would love to see you pitch in sometime. Look for our upcoming events under the title of "SVC".

FREEDOM FROM RELIGION

FFRF National Convention 2015, Summary

Five local FFRF Chapter members traveled to Madison, WI to attend this year's FFRF National Convention. The high point of the convention was getting to know the new building!



In 1990, FFRF purchased a historic building in downtown Madison. FFRF named the building Freethought Hall in honor of Wisconsin's freethought heritage which had more than 30 Freethought Halls in the 1800's. In 2013, FFRF purchased the run-down building next door and replaced it with a five-story addition, also adding a library and cupola atop the original two-story structure. The addition has more than quadrupled space. The original Freethought Hall sits on the left side and the new building is on the right. The building is completely paid for and FFRF has never had a mortgage. The building was funded entirely thru donations. Tours of the old/new building Freethought Hall, were held on Friday October 9 including the dedication of the Atheists in Foxholes monument.



FREEDOM FROM RELIGION

FFRF National Convention 2015, Summary (cont.)

A cupola was added to the old building.



A wall is dedicated to the founder Anne Nicol Gaylor.



Paving stones in the Rose Zerwick garden bear the names of donors or their favorite freethought slogans.



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Events

[Details in Online Calendar](#)

Thursday, November 12

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

7:30 PM (Hub) Movie Night Replacement: Voodoo Comedy Playhouse at 1260 22nd Street, Denver.

Friday, November 13

7:30 PM: Hub Jam!

Saturday, November 14

11:00 AM (Hub) Jewish? Atheist? Want to talk about it?

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

5:30 PM (Hub) "Healing From Emotional Wounds" Story Sharing

Sunday, November 15

8:45 - 9:45 AM (Hub) Sunday Morning Walking Group, at Cheesman Park East

10:00 AM (Hub) Coffee and Community

12:00 AM (SA) Sunday Assembly Service at Swallow Hill Music, Denver

2:00 PM (DA) Book Club, at the Hub

More Events

[Details in Online Calendar](#)

Sunday, November 15 (Cont)

6:00 PM (HOC) An Evening of Poetry with CO's Poet Laureate, Joseph Hutchison

Monday, November 16

6:30 PM Freethinkers in AA, at the Hub

Tuesday, November 17

10:30 AM (Hub) Work/Study at the Hub

Thursday, November 19

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: "Frida" at 7 at the Hub

Saturday, November 21

4:30 PM (Secular Adventure Crew) Stroll the Denver Aquarium

Sunday, November 22

8:45 - 9:45 AM (Hub) Sunday Morning Walking Group, at Cheesman Park East

10:00 AM (Hub) Coffee and Community

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

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Yet More Events

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Monday, November 23

6:30 PM Freethinkers in AA, at the Hub

Tuesday, November 24

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

Thursday, November 26

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

4:30 PM (Hub) Thanksgiving Dinner!

Friday, November 27

7:00 PM (BA) Dinner in Lafayette

Saturday, November 28

9:30 PM (Hub) Freethinkers in AA

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

Sunday, November 29

8:45 - 9:45 AM (Hub) Sunday Morning Walking Group, at Cheesman Park East

10:00 AM (Hub) Coffee and Community

Yet More Events

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Monday, November 30

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

6:30 PM (Hub) Freethinkers in AA

Tuesday, December 1

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

6:00 (Hub) Open Board Meeting

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

Thursday, December 3

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

Saturday, December 5

7:30 PM (Secular Adventure Crew) Voodoo Comedy Night

Sunday, December 6

8:45 - 9:45 AM (Hub) Sunday Morning Walking Group, at Cheesman Park East

10:00 AM (Hub) Coffee and Community