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Our Mission

We, the Humanist Association of Greater Philadelphia envision our group as the premier local grassroots Humanist organization in our region. We serve the interests of all Humanists and freethinkers who choose to be part of our organization. We provide space for community, an outlet for activism and, in our communities, we provide a positive image of our lifstance. We also serve as leaders for the important issues that the Greater Philadelphia area faces.

HAGP 1960-2006 : Celebrating our 46th year

HAGP was originally established as a provisional charter chapter with the American Humanist Association on October 13, 1960.

It has the proud distinction as being one of the oldest chapter groups in the United States.



HAGP has been Reorganized !!

The program meeting on Jan 29th was quite productive for the direction of HAGP.

Lisa and Tim Ridge the President and Vice President of the New Jersey Humanist Network were in attendance. Tim proposed his suggestions for the website and the members voted to approve his proposal.

The members then voted on a slate of officers for HAGP. The results are as follows:

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I would like to introduce myself as the new Executive Vice President of HAGP. I am new to the State of

Pennsylvania after recently moving here from New Jersey. I have been quite active promoting Humanism and, for a number of years, I served as the Vice President of the New Jersey Humanist Network. I'm also the co-creator of the HumanLight holiday. I am very much looking forward to the job of heading up HAGP and making it a vibrant Humanist group here in the Greater Philadelphia area.

Our Honorary President, Gabriel Elias, has been involved with HAGP for its entire existence. He has been the President of HAGP for 30+ years. Gabe is now 90 years old and still attends as many meetings as he can. We greatly appreciate all of Gabe's years of dedication and hard work in keeping this organization together.

Meet Fellow Humanists & Like-minded Freethinkers

Ongoing Events:

First Saturday of each month:
Movie Night coming soon, details TBA

Second Saturday of each month:
Luncheon at the Olive Garden
2328 W. Moreland Rd.
Willow Grove, PA

Third Saturday of each month:
Book Club at Barnes and Noble
102 Park Ave.
Willow Grove, PA

Fourth Sunday of each month:
Program Meeting
Community Room at Elkins Park Square
8080 Old York Rd.
Elkins Park, PA

Upcoming Events:

February

Feb. 11, Sat. 12 pm: Informal Lunch at the Olive Garden

Feb 18, Sat. 7 pm: Book Club at Barnes and Noble Moderator- Ian Thomas. Discussion about Doubt: A History by Jennifer Hecht (Intro - Chapter 5) 228 pages

Feb 26, Sun. 2 pm: Speaker Dr. John Brodsky will present a brief introduction to an elaborate theory concerning human experience.

March

Mar 11, Sat. 12 pm: Informal Lunch at the Olive Garden

Mar 18, Sat. 7 pm: Book Club at Barnes and Noble Moderator-Ian Thomas. Discussion about Doubt: A History by Jennifer Hecht (Chapter 6 - End) 278 pages

Mar 26, Sun. 2 pm: Speaker Peter Christ a retired police captain who

created "LEAP" a drug policy reform group. Peter believes "the drug war can never be won and it is doing more harm than good."

April

Apr 1, Sat. 7 pm: Movie Night TBA
Apr 8, Sat. 12 pm: Informal Lunch at the Olive Garden
Apr 15, Sat. 7 pm: Book Club at Barnes and Noble Moderator-Ian Thomas
Apr 23, Sun. 2 pm: Speaker Richard Kinari, Leader of the Philadelphia Ethical Society

May

May 6, Sat. 7 pm: Movie Night TBA
May 13, Sat. 12 pm: Informal Lunch at the Olive Garden
May 20, Sat. 7 pm: Book Club at Barnes and Noble Moderator-Ian Thomas

June

June 3, Sat. (*meeting from May 28th moved to this date, 2 pm Elkins Park*)
Speaker Fred Edwards, Editor of the Humanist Magazine
June 3, Sat. 7 pm: Movie Night TBA
June 10, Sat. 12 pm: Informal Lunch at the Olive Garden
June 17, Sat. 7 pm: Book Club at Barnes and Noble Moderator-Ian Thomas
June 25, Sun. 2 pm: Speaker David Toub from the ACLU speaking on Church-State issues



The Humanist Association of Greater Philadelphia is open to presentations on a variety of topics, many of which are controversial.

Please note that the opinions expressed by our guest speakers do not necessarily reflect the viewpoint or philosophy of HAGP.



Movie Night

Movie night will be a viewing of and discussion regarding independent films and documentaries concerning the issues of Humanistic interest. Topics such as human evolution, the occupation of Iraq, the media, religion and other world and political events. There will be occasions when we have the producers of some of these films available to answer questions via conference call.

Luncheon at the Olive Garden

Informal lunches that allow members to interact outside the formal meetings and socialize with other Humanists. It's also a darn good lunch!

Book Club at Barnes and Noble

An invitation to discuss books relevant to values, issues, history, etc. It is designed to build a stronger secular community, develop our thoughts more coherently, and embrace our history. The first book was chosen by Ian Thomas; however, further selections will be chosen two months in advance by the group.

Program Meeting

This is an opportunity for group members to come together with each other; become educated on a topic by hearing from a speaker; or discuss issues and explore ideas. Our monthly speakers cover a wide variety of subjects.

Humanist Celebrant Available

Martha Knox, Certified Humanist Celebrant, would like to remind you that she is available for all your life passage ceremonies, including weddings and commitment ceremonies, baby namings, coming-of-age celebrations, funerals/memorial services, and even divorce celebrations! [Humanist Celebrant](#)
Discounts for HAGP members! Contact her at Celebrant@hagp.org.



DO YOU YAHOO?

A special Yahoo! Group has been set up for **paid HAGP members only**. It's free and only takes a minute to sign up! [Join Yahoo Humanists](#).

Geoff Odhner is Moderator; sign up and if you are a paid member, you will be approved by the Moderator, usually within 24 hours. Messages and archives of this group will be accessible **only by members**, so there is no spamming or flaming.

Messages will be posted once they are approved by the Moderator, so if your posts are within the normal Yahoo! guidelines, they will be approved and posted.

We continue to have lively discussions on religion, politics, ethics and other Humanistic concerns. We've had some extremely interesting posts lately, covering topics such as stem cell research, gay issues, theocracy, global warming, and other important areas of interest to Humanists.

Join our group today!

2006 CONFERENCE



THE WAVE OF REASON

65th Annual Conference of the AHA
May 11-14, 2006
Tampa, Florida



HAGP proudly supports Tabor Children's Services, Inc., a private nonprofit child welfare agency serving children, youth, young adults and families. Tabor Children's Services is a non-profit, non-sectarian organization that serves children and families in need in the southeastern Pennsylvania and nearby New Jersey areas.

To learn more about the important work of these dedicated people, click on this link to their web site.

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Have you joined our parent organizations? If so, you still must pay dues to be a member of HAGP - your enrollment in either of our parent organizations (American Humanist Association or Council for Secular Humanism) does NOT automatically include membership in the local chapter, HAGP. And conversely, if you join HAGP, you are not automatically enrolled in our parent organizations! Each is separate and must be joined separately. Why not join all three today? Humanism depends on your financial as well as emotional support!

HAGP is a Chartered chapter of the American Humanist Association and also an affiliate of the Council for Secular Humanism.



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