

Come Celebrate Darwin Day: February 11, 2017

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# Jefferson Humanists

Jefferson County Colorado Chapter of The American  
Humanists Association

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Our February Program  
February 26 at 5pm  
Jefferson Unitarian Church  
14350 W. 32<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, Golden, CO

## Mending Colorado's Mental Health Barriers, Consequences, and Solutions

Every year, more than one million Coloradans experience a mental health or substance use disorder. How do we make our state a leader in treating and preventing these illnesses?

Join Andrew Romanoff, former speaker of the Colorado House and current president and CEO of Mental Health Colorado, as he leads a discussion on the benefits of early intervention – and the price of inaction.

Romanoff served in the Colorado House of Representatives from 2001 to 2009 and as speaker of the House from 2005 to 2009. He won bipartisan acclaim as one of the most effective legislative leaders in America. His leadership earned recognition from more than 50 state and national organizations – including *Governing Magazine*, which named him in 2008 as “Public Official of the Year.”

Romanoff received a bachelor's degree with honors from Yale, a master's degree in public policy from Harvard's Kennedy School of Government, and a juris doctorate from the University of Denver's Sturm College of Law.



Andrew Romanoff

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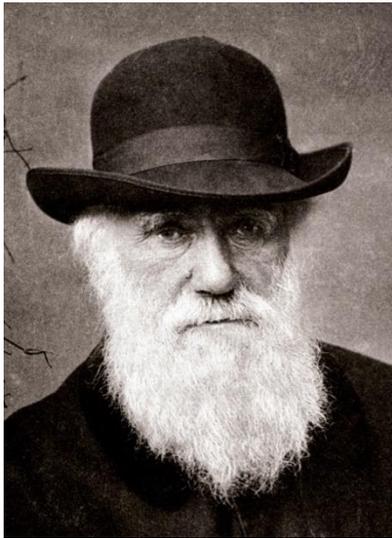
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## Upcoming Events of Interest

- ✓ **Monthly Chapter Meeting, February 26, at Jefferson Unitarian Church, 14350 W. 32<sup>nd</sup> Ave., Golden, CO 80403**
- ✓ **Monthly Social Event: Dinner on February 15 at 7:00 pm. Infinitus Restaurant located at 5807 W 38<sup>th</sup> Ave. Wheat Ridge**
- ✓ **Our own Chapter Darwin Day Celebration February 11, 10:00 am to 2:00pm See below**
- ✓ **Darwin Day Celebration February 12, 10:00 am to 10:00 pm the Secular Hub: 3100 Downing #C Denver, CO**

- \$15.45 for adults (not seniors)
- \$12.50 for seniors (65 or older)
- Members (Free)
- \$1.50 more if we don't have 10 people so round up friends.
- Our lecture and tour will last between 60 and 90 minutes
- We can explore the museum after our official tour

## Jefferson Humanists Darwin Day Celebration, Saturday, Feb. 11



Darwin Day is officially February 12 but **WE are celebrating on Saturday February 11.** Here's what we have planned.

We've scheduled a tour of the Denver Museum of Nature and Science with tour of the Prehistoric Journey, showing the

fossil history that tells the story of evolution.

- We will meet at 9:45 at the entrance to DMNS
- Tour begins at 10am with two trained volunteers who will discuss human evolution and take us on a facilitated tour.
- If we have 10 people, the cost is:

### **MORE SAVE THE DATES**

The American Humanist Association's 76th Annual Conference will take place **June 8-11, 2017 in Charleston, South Carolina!** Don't delay: book your discounted hotel room at the Hilton Embassy Suites today! Next month we hope to have information on registration, the conference schedule, and 2017 awardees! See: <http://conference.americanhumanist.org>

### **AND/OR After the Museum visit:**

Join us for a no-host lunch at The Goods Neighborhood Restaurant and Bar, located next to the Tattered Cover Book Store on Colfax (free parking next door). Address is 2550 East Colfax, Denver. They advertise vegan, vegetarian, gluten free food and everything a carnivore would want to eat. <http://thegoodsrestaurant.com/>

In either case **WE MUST HAVE YOUR RSVP** so we know how many people to tell the Museum and the Restaurant will be coming. Call or email Nancy Bolt at 303 642 0338 or [nancybolt@earthlink.net](mailto:nancybolt@earthlink.net)



**Jefferson Humanists  
Book Discussion Group  
(Freethinkers Reading Opportunity  
Group)**

All Jefferson Humanists are invited to join our Chapter book club. Known as FROG (Freethinkers Reading Opportunity Group), we read books and discuss the humanist themes in them. Topics include science, philosophy, technology, atheism and nonbelief, art, history, politics, and more. We read both non-fiction and fiction and about once a quarter we choose a topic, where each member reads a book on a particular subject and joins the group to share what they learned. Past topics have included Islam, Thomas Jefferson, political extremism, and famous humanists.

We typically meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month. You can find details about our upcoming books and topics on Meetup at:

[www.meetup.com/JeffcoHumanists](http://www.meetup.com/JeffcoHumanists). If you'd like to join the group and be added to our email list, contact FROG leader Matthew Elisha ([mrelisha@msn.com](mailto:mrelisha@msn.com), 303.432.8694).

Our book for February will be *The Bad-Ass Librarians of Timbuktu: And Their Race to Save the World's Most Precious Manuscripts* by Joshua Hammer. Hammer tells the story of a band of librarians in Timbuktu who, to save precious centuries-old Arabic texts from Al Qaeda, pulls off a brazen heist worthy of Ocean's Eleven. "Part history, part scholarly adventure story, and part journalist survey of the volatile religious politics of the Maghreb region. . . . Hammer writes with verve and expertise." (*New York Times Book Review*)

**SUNDAY, February 12th, 2:00 – 4:00 PM** (note different day this month): *The Bad-Ass Librarians of Timbuktu* by Joshua Hammer

**Location:** Carmel Oaks Retirement Community, 1811 S. Harlan Circle, Lakewood

**Facilitator:** Nancy Bolt

**RSVP:** Meetup (<http://meetu.ps/35RFXr>) or email Matthew Elisha ([mrelisha@msn.com](mailto:mrelisha@msn.com))

### Upcoming FROG schedule:

- **March 11, 2017** – *The Blind Watchmaker: Why the Evidence of Evolution Reveals a Universe without a Design* by Richard Dawkins
- **April 8th - Topic: Robots: What does the future hold?** Will robots be a boon to humanity or will they lead to the demise of humans? Read a book on topic which can include fiction, e.g., *I, Robot* by Asimov, or nonfiction, e.g., *Rise of the Robots: Technology and the Threat of a Jobless Future* by Martin Ford, or perhaps watch a movie like *Blade Runner*, *The Terminator*, or *Ex Machina*.
- May 13th - *God No! Signs You May Already be an Atheist* by Penn Jillette

### January FROG discussion:

#### Famous Humanists

By Matthew Elisha

We had a capacity crowd at our last FROG (Freethinkers Reading Opportunity Group) meeting as we discussed the topic of famous humanists. Sixteen members came together to discuss a book about or by a famous humanist. Our discussions ranged from 'what is a humanist' to 'can a humanists be religious/spiritual' to 'what can we learn from the humanists who came before us.' Our famous humanists included well-known names such as Bertrand Russell, Margaret Sanger, Sam Harris,

and Robert Green Ingersoll, to lesser known figures such as Jane Addams, Joseph S. Willis, and Sor Juana Inés de la Cruz, a 17<sup>th</sup> century Mexican nun, intellect and poet who, though religious, promoted education and equality of women and other humanist issues. The group enjoyed the discussion so much, we considered continuing our conversation over a few libations at a local pub. It didn't happen this time, but led the group to consider occasionally gathering at other times to have salon style discussions on other interesting topics. If the JH Salon becomes a thing, we'll be sure to let everyone know about it.

Here is a complete list of the famous humanists and books the group discussed:

- Jane Addams
- Barbara Ehrenreich - *Living with a Wild God: A Nonbeliever's Search for the Truth about Everything*
- Richard Feynman - *Surely You're Joking, Mr. Feynman! (Adventures of a Curious Character)*
- Sam Harris – *Letters to a Christian Nation* and *The Moral Landscape: How Science can Determine Human Values*
- Sor Juana Inés de la Cruz
- Abraham Maslow
- Bertrand Russell – *Why I am not a Christian*
- Margaret Sanger
- Gloria Steinem – *My Life on the Road*
- Joseph S. Willis – *A Faithful Agnostic Speaks: Prose, Paintings and Poetry*
- *Robert Ingersoll: American Infidel* by Orvin Larson
- *Damned Good Company: Twenty Rebels who Bucked the God Experts* by Luis Granados
- *Godel, Escher, Bach* by Douglas Hofstadter
- *The Prince and the Pauper* by Mark Twain
- *Anthropology: an Introduction to the Study of Man and Civilization* by Edward B. Tylor
- *The Handmaid's Tale* by Margaret Atwood

#### A Caution to Everybody by Ogden Nash

Consider the auk;  
Becoming extinct because he forgot to fly, and could only walk.  
Consider man, who may well become extinct. Because he forgot how to walk and learned to fly before he thought.

## Jefferson Humanist Board Actions, January 2017

**T**he JH Board had a very active January. Here's what they did:

- Approved the Political Action Committee's charge: Finding, informing, and connecting with different Jefferson County groups and designing responsive and effective responses to issues other groups are not addressing.
  - Announced that Nancy Bolt and Bob Hofmann have been given "press" badges for the upcoming AHA conference in Charleston, SC June 8-11
  - Approved six subsidies of \$175 each for JH members to attend the American Humanists Association annual conference in Charleston, SC, June 8-11.
  - Appointed Lindy Baer as Chair of the JH Program Committee with Nancy Bolt and Traci Bickell continuing as members.
  - Approved plans for a Darwin Day celebration (see elsewhere in this newsletter for details)
  - Met our new WebMaster (see elsewhere in this newsletter for details)
  - Approved the JH budget for 2017
  - Cancelled the March fundraiser
  - Approved the creation of a new quarter time position for JH Executive Director
  - Approved establishing a new course on Humanism
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### Is It Tolerance or Is It Indifference?

by Mari Cowley

**B**y now, we've made it through the inauguration and a whole new chapter in American history is being written. Yet I can't help thinking each of us will be writing a new chapter in our lives as well.

I'd like to begin this article with a quote from Mildred Taylor: "There are things you can't back down on, things you gotta take a stand on. But it's up to you to decide what them things are. You have to demand respect in this world, ain't nobody just gonna hand it to you. How you carry yourself, what you stand for ... that's how you gain respect. But little one, ain't nobody's respect worth more than your own."

Most of us like to believe we're tolerant of others. But does being tolerant of their religion or their politics

mean we're acting responsibly? Is there the slightest possibility that we can be too tolerant? We congratulate ourselves when we "tolerate" Aunt Sadie's politics or we "tolerate" the bad manners of the children sitting next to us at dinner. Literally speaking, to tolerate means to abide with repugnance. This can be true when we are talking about Aunt Sadie or the bad behavior of the kids at dinner. By using that definition at its best, tolerance remains a relatively weak virtue and at its worst, tolerance isn't a virtue but a vice. Is it possible that some things and some people's actions are too repugnant to tolerate? As William Ury notes, "tolerance is not just agreeing with one another or remaining indifferent in the face of injustice, but rather showing respect for the essential humanity in every person."

Probably no concept has more currency in our politically correct society than the notion of tolerance. Unfortunately, one of America's noblest virtues has been so distorted it's become a vice.

Tolerance involves three elements: 1) Permitting or allowing; 2) a conduct or point of view one disagrees with; 3) respecting the person in the process. We can't tolerate someone unless we disagree with him or her. This is critical. We don't "tolerate" people who share our views. They're on our side. There's nothing to put up with. Tolerance is reserved for those we think are wrong. This essential element of tolerance - disagreement - has been completely lost in the modern distortion of the concept. Nowadays, if you think someone is wrong, you're called intolerant.

This attitude presents a curious problem. One must first think another as wrong in order to exercise tolerance toward him, yet doing so brings the accusation of intolerance. It's a "Catch-22." According to this approach, true tolerance is impossible.

Adding to the confusion is the fact that tolerance could apply to different things, i.e., persons, behaviors, or ideas --- the rules are different for each.

*Tolerance of Persons*, what might be called "civility," can be equated with the word "respect." This is the classical definition of tolerance: the freedom to express one's ideas without fear of reprisal.

We respect those who hold different beliefs than our own by treating them courteously and allowing their

views a place in the public discourse.

We may strongly disagree with their ideas and vigorously contend against them in a public venue, but we still show respect for the person in spite of the differences.

In this case, respect is accorded to the person. Whether her behavior should be tolerated is an entirely different issue. This is the second sense of tolerance, the liberty to act, called *Tolerance of Behavior*. Our laws demonstrate that a man or woman may believe what they like -- and the usually have the liberty to express those beliefs -- but they may not behave as they like. Some behavior is immoral or a threat to common good. Rather than being tolerated, it is restricted by law. In Lincoln's words: "There is no right to do wrong."

*Tolerance of a Person* must also be distinguished from *Tolerance of Ideas*. Tolerance of a person requires that each person's views get a courteous hearing, not that all views have equal worth, merit, or truth. The view that no person's ideas are any better or truer than another's is irrational and absurd. To argue that some views are false, immoral, or just plain silly does not violate any meaningful standard of tolerance.

Historically, our culture has emphasized tolerance of all persons, but never tolerance of all behavior. This is a critical distinction. The issue of tolerance has gone upside down: tolerate most behavior, but don't tolerate opposing beliefs about those behaviors. Contrary moral opinions are labeled as "imposing your view on others."

Martin Niemoller a prominent German anti-Nazi theologian and Lutheran pastor wrote: "World War II and what the Nazi's did to the Jews has many lessons for us about tolerance. One of the best lessons is retold in his short poem, "Then They Came for Me."

"In Germany they came first for the Communists, and I didn't speak up because I wasn't a Communist. Then they came for the Jews, and I didn't speak up because I wasn't a Jew. Then they came for the trade unionists, and I didn't speak up because I wasn't a trade unionist. Then they came for the Catholics and I didn't speak up because I was a Protestant.... Then they came for me, and by that time no one was left to speak up."

So where do we stand? How do we walk that fine line? Have we become so tolerant that there's truth in Somerset Maugham's quote: "Tolerance is another word for indifference"? At the same time, tolerance

can't be indiscriminate. Indiscriminate acceptance in its most extreme form could lead to recognition of questionable practices and human rights violations.

## January 2017 Program Review on Evolution

by Lindy Baer

**D**r. Garth Spellman from the Denver Museum of Nature and Science presented our January program: *Evolution: From Darwin Through the Present Day* to a packed audience. Dr. Spellman, the Curator of Ornithology at the museum, is especially interested in how both recent and ancient environmental changes affect bird species.

He began his presentation by pointing out that, today we use DNA to help us understand evolution, but that Darwin didn't have the luxury of such knowledge. Dr. Spellman then guided us through the early history, before Darwin, of the concepts of taxonomy, hierarchies of life, natural selection, biogeography, and evolution. He identified that Aristotle, William Paley, Georges Leclerc, Mary Ainning, Jean-Baptiste Lamarck, and Charles Darwin's father, Erasmus Darwin, all contributed to these concepts.

The common descent of species was observed in the finches that Darwin saw in the Galapagos. Thomas Malthus' thoughts on population and resources contributed to our understanding. Dr. Spellman also reminded us that Alfred R. Wallace, a contemporary of Darwin, played an important role in both competing with Darwin and stimulating Darwin to finally publish his works. Darwin concluded that the species are not fixed, they occur through common descent, this results in multiple species, the process is very gradual and it occurs by natural selection.

Dr. Spellman then brought us up to the present day with his discussion about genomic evolution and the advantages of long term experiments (such as can be conducted with bacteria). He discussed the hybridization among the finches and also the many pigeon examples from Darwin.

The session was very well attended and the audience became very involved in the following question and answer time. Dr. Spellman talked about how epigenetics operates to change gene expression. There was also discussion about how climate change might cause changes, a topic of great interest to Dr. Spellman.

Unitarian Church

**Legislative Action:** Watch for location announcements or see below.

Note: Gathering details and RSVP choices may be found at [meetup.com/jeffcohumanists](http://meetup.com/jeffcohumanists)

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## New JH Program - Humanist Perspectives Series

**Meetings on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays at 10:00 am, starting on February 18th**  
by Jim Bole and Tom Kellogg

On January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017, The Jefferson Humanists Board of Directors approved an exciting new monthly event, organized by Jim Bole and Tom Kellogg in partnership with the JH Membership Committee. The on-going series will begin on Saturday, February 18<sup>th</sup>. At 10:00 am, and then on every 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month at 10:00 to noon.

Meetings will be in one of the large rooms at JUC, usually in the Mills building. Coffee, juice, ice water and pastries will be available for a donation.

The purpose of the series is to teach while entertaining on the values and importance of humanist perspectives, in a safe and comfortable environment where folks can speak freely. Subjects such as humanist philosophy and initiatives will be addressed, along with building the growing humanist community. How humanism relates to science, nature, evolution, human rights and values, the environment, kindness and caring for others, politics, good citizenship, self-improvement, and church/state separation issues are all topics for consideration.

Each meeting will have several segments, always followed by a discussion session (except for movies that take up the whole time). It would be a combination of one or more of the following, in a sort of multi-media fashion:

- Short videos on Humanism. YouTube and the AHA have tons of great ones. They range from 5 minutes to over an hour. Here's a link to a 4.6 minute sample on YouTube:

[Something Beautiful](#)



**Speaker, Garth Spellman and Lindy Baer**

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## Upcoming Chapter Programs

Here are upcoming programs scheduled for the fourth Sunday of every month, usually at the Jefferson Unitarian Church

- March 26, Brian Kurzel of the National Wildlife Federation, speaking on the future of wildlife in Colorado.
  - April 23, Dr. Nichole Garneau speaking on *Science and Citizen Scientists*
  - May 22, Kevin O'Keefe speaking on *Sustainable, Responsible, Impact Investing*
  - June 26, Summer Picnic
  - July 24, JH members speaking on *Issues in My Profession* (watch for more on this in the April newsletter)
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## Schedule of Regular Chapter Gatherings

Jefferson Humanists has several Chapter Gatherings each month. We hope you will join us for any and all:

**Board of Directors Meetings:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursdays 4-6 PM, Jefferson Unitarian Church

**FROG Book Discussions:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturdays 2-4 PM Various locations – see Meetup

**Dinner Socials:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays 7 PM, Infinitus PIE, Wheat Ridge

**Chapter Programs:** 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays 5 PM Jefferson

- A short presentation by a JH member or local Humanist on an aspect of humanism, followed by Q & A and discussions.
- A good movie pertaining to Humanism or non-belief. This would take up the entire meeting, and may run longer. A good example is *Inherit the Wind* starring Spencer Tracy about the Scopes Monkey Trial of the 1920's where teaching evolution in schools was banned in areas of the U.S.
- Round table discussions of each person's journey into Humanism and/or non-belief.
- Round table discussions on what Humanism means to each person.
- Other appropriate topics.

The February 18<sup>th</sup> kick-off event will feature an introductory talk by Joe Woodson, who runs seminars and gives talks on Humanism. He recently put on a 3-part seminar for the Jefferson Humanists. Here is the tentative meeting agenda for 2/18:

10:00 to 10:15 – Get refreshments, Meet and Greet.  
 10:15 to 10:45 – Presentation by Joe Woodson.  
 10:45 to 11:00 – Q & A, discussions and break.  
 11:00 to 11:30 – Short videos on humanism.  
 11:30 to 11:45 – Round table discussions about the videos and humanism in general.  
 11:45 to Noon - Socializing.

Please RSVP by February 16<sup>th</sup>, through Meetup (<https://www.meetup.com/JeffcoHumanists/>), to Jim Bole ([randjbole@gmail.com](mailto:randjbole@gmail.com)) or Tom Kellogg ([kellogg52@gmail.com](mailto:kellogg52@gmail.com)), so we have an estimate of food and drinks required.

## AHA Report by Grace Gamm

**T**hese are indeed abnormal times, and it's important to connect with those standing up for humanist values locally and nationally.

Chris Kennedy, humanist and CO state representative for District 23 (Lakewood), was elected in November. He is busy at the state house now. Support him by attending his public events and inviting him to our events. Even small donations and volunteer contributions make a big difference for candidates like him. Congratulations Chris Kennedy!

Congressman Jamie Raskin, US Rep for Maryland District 8, is another proud humanist to follow and support. He was recently on national news discussing

his decision to boycott the inauguration. Watch and cheer: <http://www.msnbc.com/all-in/watch/raskin-inaugural-address-meanest-in-history-859538499810>.

The Freethought Equality PAC, sister organization of AHA, helped humanist candidates around the country and specifically in our area in the recent elections by supporting Kennedy and Raskin. Ron Millar runs the Freethought PAC. Ron is passionate about promoting humanist and atheist candidates at all levels nationwide. Promoting local and state candidates is vital to developing a wider and deeper presence of humanists in government. Learn more at <http://www.freethoughtequalityfund.net/>. Ron wants to speak with AHA members and groups and help them support candidates in their areas.

## COCORE Colorado Coalition of Reason

by Tom Kellogg



**M**arvin Straus is one of the main Founders of COCORE (Colorado Coalition of Reason), started in 2002, and ran it for many years. It was the very first CoR group in the country, and became a model for UnitedCor (United Coalition of Reason). There are now CoR groups all over the country under UnitedCor, each one run differently.

COCORE is an umbrella organization where leaders of each member group can communicate directly with each other and share resources. Each group can display the COCORE banner for promotional uses, and COCORE helps coordinate major multi-group events. Marvin eventually handed COCORE over to me about three years ago, and soon after that he retired from the Colorado secular movement and moved to the Oregon Coast. At that time, COCORE was in decline. I have kept it alive while trying to get members to step up as volunteers, to be more active with it. There are now 47 members representing 25 Colorado secular groups. The main computer tool is a secure email Google Group with up to several leaders or representatives from each group. Emails sent to the group by a member of the group go to all other members, and no one else.

COCORE is a good resource for Colorado secular groups to network with each other. It has a completely different structure than other groups, or should I say “non-structure”. In the first 10 years from 2002 to around 2012, COCORE was a major player in the Colorado secular movement, connecting and supporting its member groups.

**The concept** was to create a support tool owned by all of the member groups. COCORE purposely has no board of directors or leadership committee, with only a few administrative caretakers, currently just me. It is a conduit to allow direct communications and networking between the leaders or representatives of the member organizations, currently through a closed email Google Group. It began as a way for local secular groups to share resources and ideas. It is also a way for members to use the COCORE name and logo for promoting events and programs under the COCORE banner. The logo can be put on literature and handouts. COCORE does not actually host events itself, but has been instrumental over the years for helping to coordinate large multi-group events. It is OK for a group to say that COCORE is a *co-host* of an event, but cannot say it is a *sponsor* of an event. That is one of the very few rules.

COCORE tried to use various social media tools, but right now it is mainly a Google Group. Meetup.com was tried, and turned out not to be a good tool, because COCORE does not host events directly. There is a website and Facebook page that need some work. COCORE is a great resource, with great potential, but needs more people to be involved.

COCORE almost self-destructed about four years ago while leaders of member groups argued about how to give it more structure and organization, not understanding how it works. Also, when the Denver Secular Hub started up, people thought it would replace COCORE. However, COCORE serves a different unique purpose, and was actually part of the inspiration for the Hub. After the COCORE organizational battle ended with no outcome, Marvin and I just kept running COCORE as before. Marvin was my mentor and taught me how the organization works, which was not easy to understand at first.

There may be some new energy brewing. Terry, a board member of the Denver Secular Hub is spearheading a “Think Tank” program, along with other Hub members and local groups, including the Boulder Atheists, Jefferson Humanists, and the

Denver chapter of FFRF (Freedom From Religion Foundation). There are several aspects of the Think Tank mission, such as getting the word out to the world about all the wonderful secular groups, and that atheists and freethinkers are good and decent members of the community who care and contribute to it. Networking with other local groups is also a big part of the Think Tank, and COCORE could be a vehicle already in place to facilitate networking.

A new Jeffco Political Action Taskforce started up through the Jefferson Humanists, founded by JH member Ralph Hughes. It could use COCORE to network with other secular groups. JPAT started up after the election, mainly as a vehicle to deal with Trump and the Republican’s proposed agenda. Efforts start at the local and state levels. Also, effective ways to contact and work with politicians will be a focus, and JPAT is expanding its horizons. The group is really taking off.

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## We Have a New WebMaster!!!

by Traci Beckell

It is my pleasure to introduce Terry Kirkham as our new Jefferson Humanist Webmaster. Terry comes to us from the Secular Hub. She currently works on the website for the Secular Hub and for two other companies. She has an education in Graphic Arts and Creative Writing with a Special Education Master Certificate. She has already added invaluable help to our JHIT committee. She is also a member of the Secular Hub and works on a number of different things within the Secular community.



Terry Kirkham, Webmaster

## New Column Editor Still Needed

### Meet the Member

Margaret Kellogg has done a great job helping us get to know our members through her monthly interviews but she had to step down as she has accepted other responsibilities in Jefferson Humanist. So we need a new column editor.

You pick a JH member, and ask a group of questions (we can show you what has been used so far), and write it up. Email Nancy Bolt at [nancybolt@earthlink.net](mailto:nancybolt@earthlink.net) with questions or for more information. Column would begin with the March issue. Thanks.

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## Monthly Dinner Social Report

by Tom Kellogg

Where: Infinitus PIE in Wheat Ridge

When: Wednesday, February 15, 2017, 7:00 PM

5807 W. 38th Ave, Wheat Ridge, CO

*Two blocks East of Harlan on 38th Ave., North side, between Wadsworth and Sheridan. Banner on the building says "Craft Pizza Craft Beer".*

In January, nine Humanists got together for a nice dinner and conversation at Infinitus, our really good regular place to meet and dine. On a Wednesday night, the backroom is quiet. We get special deals since the Jefferson Humanists are now regulars there. We love them and they love us.

Well, I broke my old record by being brave enough to order 11 toppings on my \$7 unlimited toppings personal pizza. I asked the server if that was too many, and he said nope, unlimited means unlimited. That pizza was delicious accompanied by a malty stout brew on special. Since they only charged me \$6 for the pizza, the total was under \$10. Infinitus also serves salads, hot wings, wine, and deserts.

Each month, there is always a new mix of humanist folks along with a few regulars. I really enjoy talking with everyone, although as the group grows bigger, it's getting difficult to make it around the whole table. This is a family-friendly event, if the kids can tolerate a bunch of chatty adults. Infinitus also has board games available.

The next dinner is on Wednesday, February 15<sup>th</sup>, and is always on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 7:00 pm. For the time being, we will meet at Infinitus PIE every month. So, this is an event on which you can always count.

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## Subsidies Available for American Humanist Conference, June 8-11

The Jefferson Humanist Board has approved six \$175 subsidies for people wanting to attend the AHA conference on June 8-11 in Charleston, South Carolina. Three of the subsidies have been claimed and three are still left. Contact Dave Beato at [davebeato312@gmail.com](mailto:davebeato312@gmail.com) to claim one of the three remaining subsidies of \$175.

Those of us who went last year enjoyed it immensely. You will hear inspiring and informative speakers about aspects of science, sociology, the arts, climate, politics – all from a Humanists perspective. We recommend it to you. Your intrepid JH Newsletter editors have signed up to be press representatives for all the Humanist, secular, and atheist groups in Colorado. We'll write and offer articles on what we hear and experience but it's not the same as being there. We hope you will join us in Charleston.

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