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Socialism

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Join the Humanist Society and become rich in the abilities that make life worthwhile.

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Tampa Bay Post Carbon Council

is reorganizing to bring new approaches to future challenges.

After a successful discussion at the recent Center For Inquiry Florida Conference, members of the Council decided to redouble their efforts to bring attention to the social, physical, economic, and other changes that will be necessary as we come to grips with the inevitable fact of both carbon fuel depletion and the need to limit CO² gas emissions. Planning to help humanity deal with these changed conditions will require extraordinary creativity and a willingness to embrace new ways of life.

It seems the future will be one of either rampant greed and barbarism, or a vastly increased practice of cooperation and selflessness, to ensure the continuation of our species.

Stay tuned as further developments for the council are announced.

Jim P.



Don't Forget...

Tampa Bay Harvest

There are Large numbers of homeless and hungry people in the Tampa bay area who are dependent on socially conscious citizens like us for life sustaining nutrients. **Bring a can, or box or two** for this meeting. It's the Humanist thing to do!

Ronald Frase will speak on the topic of socialism. His talk will summarize his unique perception of the economics and politics of this theory, emphasizing changes needed to bring equity to the human condition. Ron's



Ron Frase

attraction to Socialism developed from a lifetime of witnessing capitalistic exploitation and injustice.

Born in Akron, Ohio, in 1936, Ron joined the Naval Air Reserve during the Korean War, and attained the rank of Aviation Ordnanceman 3rd Class before being discharged. Ron graduated from Akron University in 1973 with BS in Physics and did graduate work in Environmental Engineering. He worked for GenCorp Inc. for forty-one years as a Polymerization Lab Technician, Project Engineer, Environment Engineering Manager and as Corporate Environmental Information Specialist. After retirement, Ron worked part time for the Law Firm of Roetzel & Andress as an Environmental Specialist.

Ron and his wife Carolyn have three children and five grandchildren. The entire family resides in Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, a suburb of Akron. Since retirement, Ron and Carolyn split their time between Ohio and Largo, Florida.

Remember,

following our meeting, we will get together at the

Farmer Boy Restaurant

at 2129 Drew St. just a few blocks west of the Library.

Those of us who have sampled the cuisine came away well satisfied, and without substantial detriment to our personal wealth.

Please join us for this free open discussion.

**Saturday,
May 5th
2:00 PM**

**Clearwater East
Library
2251 Drew St.
Clearwater**



Humanists work to build a world in which happiness is the enduring criterion of social policy.

What do Humanists Want?

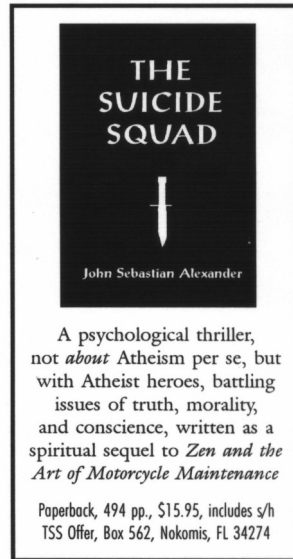
1. To extend a human centered approach to the critical problems of life and society.
2. To encourage attitudes of kindness, compassion, tolerance and a loving generosity in human relationships, and in our treatment of all life. These attitudes help us to see ourselves in the lives of others and encourage appreciation for the remarkable diversity of human culture and experience.
3. To develop and popularize the skills of creative and critical thinking that empower people to challenge prejudice, superstition and irrationality in every area of life. Such empowerment enables the individual to reach the highest levels of achievement.
4. To exalt those artistic and imaginative expressions of life which have been the source of the greatest pleasure and enlightenment, and which reflect compelling human truths. Through music, literature, art, dance, and other expressions, we embrace the essence of the human spirit.
5. To explore the grounds of ethics and morality within the unfolding history of our evolving culture. Such knowledge will enable us to become effective protagonists for the happiness of the individual person. JP

The Moveable Feast ...

Our monthly social dinner will be held at
TUCSON'S CANTINA AND GRILL
 (Again — but hey it's good!)

on Sunday, May 20th, at 4:00PM. This familiar restaurant is located at 13563 Icot Blvd in Clearwater just off Ulmerton Road.

Please call Jim at 727-213-0460, or email reply for reservations by Saturday, May 19th. See discount coupon in 'The Entertainment Book, and or refer to - www.tucsonscantina.com for menu details, and sometimes coupons.



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Sick Bay...

Hal East, our founder and treasurer is recovering at home Give him and **Lucille** a call at (727) 738-0912.

Miriam & Sidney Goetz are both dealing with Health problems. They are staying close to their new home in Palm Harbor, and would appreciate hearing from their friends.

Call (727) 787-1984

Mitch and Katherine Modisett are going through some difficult times with health problems, but would love to hear from you. Give them a call at (813) 788-5516

Laugh Lines ...

10 Ways to Maintain A Healthy Level Of Insanity.

1. At lunch time, sit in your parked car with sunglasses on and point a hair dryer at passing cars. See if they slow down.
2. Page yourself over the intercom. Don't disguise your voice.
3. Every time someone asks you to do something, ask if they want fries with that.
4. Put your garbage can on your desk and label it "In."
5. Put decaf in the coffee maker for 3 weeks. Once everyone has gotten over their caffeine addictions, switch to Espresso.
6. In the memo field of all your checks, write "For smuggling diamonds"
7. Finish all your sentences with "In Accordance With The Prophecy."
8. Don't use any punctuation
9. As often as possible, skip rather than walk.
10. Order a diet water whenever you go to eat, with a serious face.

Our Humanist Society is actively looking for interesting speakers with novel and well thought out ideas on just about any subject of interest to a general audience . Let me know if you would like to recommend a person or organization. Call Jim at (813) 283-1645

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