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Light the Night! - Let's Walk to the End of Cancer

Saturday, Nov. 1
5:30 PM
[Raley Field](#)
400 Ball Park Drive, West Sacramento, Ca ([edit map](#))



Look for our Banner / Tent -- Wear a SacFAN or similar Shirt!

The Sacramento Area Coalition of Reason is proud to announce its [support](#) for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society (LLS) and their Light the Night Walk, happening on Saturday, November 1, 2014, at 5:30 PM, at Raley Field.

Why Walk? Because it's Inspirational!

To fight leukemia and lymphoma, we are working with the Foundation Beyond Belief. In our first year, together we raised \$430,000 for LLS! Freethinkers across the US and Canada formed 150 local teams.



Help Us Raise \$10,000 for Northern California in 2014.

To meet our goal, we'll need YOUR help spreading the word to your friends and coworkers. You can do this through a simple website. You can [just donate](#) to our team. About the Walk



The Light the Night Walk is the LLS's evening walk and fundraising event to pay tribute and bring hope to people battling cancer. Thousands of participants raise funds for vital, lifesaving research and patient services and, on these special nights, they carry illuminated balloons in a show of support from a caring community.



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Psychic Fined \$7 Million for Misleading the Police

Houston, no less. What would you do if a psychic told you a mass grave was under your home? The psychic called the Sheriff. He called the media. They printed the address. The address went world-wide. **REALLY?** ([story here.](#))

How To Tell A Fortune

This article gives several common methods to divine one's fortune/future. [See article here.](#)

At the end is a great paragraph that if someone believes a fortune will happen to them, then they must believe there is no free will, so why not just give up? If they only want to know what might happen to them, then the answer is always yes.

"Ask The Social I.Q. Lady"

Atheists can be moral too. Many believe that in order to have morals one needs to be religious. If you don't believe in an afterlife or a chance at reliving your life based on how well you managed through this one, then there is no reason to "behave" thus allowing you to commit atrocious sins/crimes without worry.

In America, atheists are more stigmatized than homosexuals. We have come a long way on both fronts, but there is so much more education to be realized. For example, when it comes to Darwinism and evolution, many Americans believe that if you accept the theory of evolution then there is no need for a God and thus no moral responsibility. It's a stereotype that continues and is especially prolific in the South. The preachers there go to great lengths to perpetuate the marginalization and even demonization of atheists. Even as they go on air to ask forgiveness for their cheating, lying, adulterous, stealing, homophobic, embezzling lives, their followers forgive and embrace them because that's what Jesus would want them to do. However, take a law abiding atheist, who lives a clean, moral life and gives to charity..... well, that's a whole other story.

I think the stigma of being an atheist has led a majority of atheists to adopt more "accepting" names or labels for themselves. We've come up with some pretty good ones: Bright, Freethinker, Humanist, Skeptic, Naturalist, Non-believer and the ever accepting Agnostic.

When we stand up for reason even at the expense of being ostracized, we broaden the future for the next generation. History has shown us that people as a whole *can* evolve and change, but it can only happen when we work together. Atheists can be good without a god because morality has little to do with religion.

Andrea Griffith is a Social Intelligence expert. Learn what to say and do to get the results you want.

Be A Psychic! Amaze Your Friends!

Secret code for writing horoscopes, messages from the dead and palm reading: 1. Give both sides of a trait, such as "you can enjoy a lively conversation at times but you need your personal space." Be sure traits mentioned are almost all desirable. 2. Use common references, such as "surrounded by books" or "travel" or "health concerns". 3. Be vague, such as "can sometimes". 4. Ask questions in the form of hunches, such as "Has he passed?" then agree with their answer. Even more telling is how a person looks, reacts or nods. Add to that the fact that people will be amazed by one good guess while they ignore 10 wrong guesses, and you'll convince the gullible of your supernatural powers! Read a real psychic's confessions [at this link.](#)

Game Nights

Atheists and theists are all welcome. Bring a friend, roommate or honeypie. Chatting, eating, playing, laughing. Sound good? Several to choose from. Be sure to check the calendar for updates.

[Sacramento Nov 15 at 6:00 pm](#) or [Oakdale Nov 14 at 7:00 pm](#) or [Lodi Nov 28 at 6 pm](#)



New Members Meetup & Coffee

Nov 5 at 6:30 PM
Coffee Garden
2904 Franklin Blvd
[Map here.](#)

For new and current members of SacFAN. A casual event with a quick overview of the group and plenty of time to just hang out and get to know each other.

- What SacFAN is
- Recent news and announcements
- Other local, related groups of interest
- Upcoming Events

Everyone is invited to continue to stay as long as you like. Buy some great drinks and snacks, and make some new friends!
[Details here.](#)



Coffee Church Nov 2, 3:00 pm

Sunday, November 2

3:00—6:00 PM

Panera Bread

2731 Del Paso Rd, Sacramento

We know you aren't in REAL church so come join us for coffee and conversation! Laughs included! We meet at the big table in the center of the dining area. Please don't bring any outside food. Dress warmly! Also, please make note this is Panera on Del Paso ROAD. There is also a Del Paso Blvd.

Coffee Klatch in Modesto

Sunday, November 16, 11:00 AM

[Queen Bean](#)

1126 14th Street, Modesto, CA ([map](#))

Always the third Sunday of each month. Bring books, devices, or notepads while we solve the world's problems and exchange witty repartee. [Details here](#)



Freethought Dinner Social

[Dad's Kitchen](#) 2968 Freeport Blvd

Saturday, November 15, 2014

6:00 PM [Map here](#) [Details here](#)



From recent Yelp reviews (Oct 2014): "Stand up establishment. .. has organic ingredients ... Service is kind... worth the wait here!" and "Chill patio to enjoy breakfast and some coffee. ... Will definitely be back!" Possible limited parking though, carpool if you can. [See website and menu here.](#)

Want to Read More About Fake Psychics Who Got Caught?

Here are 13 links, each one a gem of debunking that will light your eyes with laughter, tears or glee. Click on any number:

[1](#) [2](#) [3](#) [4](#) [5](#) [6](#) [7](#) [8](#) [9](#) [10](#) [11](#) [12](#) [13](#)



AN AMERICAN ATHEIST

Listen to our local atheist radio show [at this link.](#)

“Matt Dillahunty” - Tom chats with The Atheist Experience host and public speaker Matt Dillahunty during his trip to Sacramento. [Listen to the 43 minute show at this link.](#) Tom begins the segment by asking whether people should try to convert, or proselytize others. Listen as Matt answers that question, shares his background and a few personal stories, in this informal talk. Other news up for discussion can be found on the homepage, [at this link.](#)

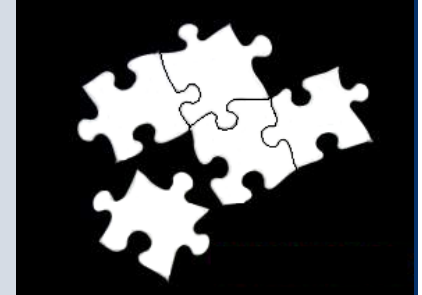
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Little Activisms

By Judy Saint

This month many families will gather to enjoy a few days together. Some of us might be expected to hold hands in prayer to give thanks to God in remembrance of how he brought a band of people to America and helped them survive against so many disasters.



Some of us, though, might feel uncomfortable praying, in particular giving thanks for that time in history. Some of us might understand that what brought these people to this country was persecution from fellow Christians, which continued in full with these colonialists in no different fashion, even on this new soil. Some of us might understand that survival was in large part with the help of non-Christians, who arguably should be the object of our thanks, rather than a god. Some of us might just not be comfortable praying, regardless of to whom or why – we just don't like supporting the notion of supernatural beings.

What we do is different for everyone, of course. Some of us accept the scorn and shunning from family and friends, and others of us hide our preferences to be included and “loved”.

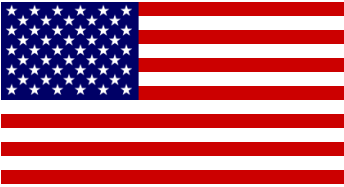
If you can, perhaps say in a matter-of-fact way, as if you are asking for more potatoes, that you don't believe in these things, and smile while you invite the others to continue. Then sit back and either begin eating if you're ready to be slapped upside the head, or just wait. If speaking up is not for you this year, maybe think of yourself as an anthropologist studying a remote tribe, and join in their quaint little custom, examining how they are affected by it, and what it means to them.

Remember that taking risks is how we learn who we are, and how others come to know us, too. Be brave.

Local Groups to Visit or Join

Visit the Reason Center for more friendly information about our freethinking community and events. [1824 Tribute Rd, Suite A](#)

Name	Emphasis		Tax Ded		Website
Agnostic & Atheist Student Association (AgASA)	UC Davis student group Socialize with like-minded students.	Y		Y	agasa-davis.wordpress.com
Americans United for Sep of Church and State (Sac Chapter)	Promotes individual activism, confronts violations	N	Y	National only	au-sac.org
Atheists and Other Freethinkers (AOF)	Events both social and presented, for growth and fun.	Y	Y	N	aofonline.org
Brights Action	Translate our naturalistic worldviews into constructive actions for school/library/media	Y	Y	Internat'l only	the-brights.net/
FACTS Church	Church-like hymns, rituals, all the trappings in secular form.	Y	Y	N	factschurch.com
Greater Sacramento Chapter of Freedom From Religion Foundation	Protecting the constitutional principle of separation of state and church.	Y	Y	N	sac.ffrf.org
Humanist Association of the Greater Sac Area (HAGSA)	Humanist events, speakers, focus is on doing good.	Y	Y	Y	hagsa.org
Sacramento Area Coalition of Reason	Directing the community to the various groups of reason.	Y	N	Y	SacramentoCoR.org
Sac Area Skeptics (SAS)	Promotion of skeptical thinking, awareness of reality, logical skills.	Y	Y	Y	http://www.meetup.com/sacskeptics/
Sac City Freethinkers	Sac City College student group. Meet, question, promote, unite.	Y		Y	saccityfreethinkers.wordpress.com
Sac Freethinkers, Atheists and Nonbelievers (SacFAN)	Meetup for variety of fun, learning, singing, projects, games, activism.	Y	N	Y	SacFAN.org
Sac Organization for Rational Thinking (SORT)	Discussions of rational thinking and science over mysticism and anti-rationalism.	Y	N	N	home.comcast.net/~kitray2/site/?/home
Sac Think Atheist	Events, podcast, and forum to fight anti-atheism and gain tools.	N		N	thinkatheist.com/group/sacramentocalifatheists
Secular Coalition for California	Train to engage media and lobby state politicians. Activist resource.	N	N	Y	ca.secular.org
Secular Student Alliance @ Sacramento State University (CSUS)	CSUS student group to socialize and promote freethought.	Y		Y	csusaso.wordpress.com
Sierra College Student Alliance	Sierra College student and faculty group for non-belief in religion.	Y		Y	secularstudents.org/sierra
Stanislaus Humanists	Book groups, discussions, game nights, theatrical movies, karaoke, dancing.	N		Y	www.StanislausHumanists.org Meetup
Stockton Area Atheists and Freethinkers (SAAF)	Meetup events and philanthropy, from Galt to Modesto.	Y		Y	StocktonAAF.org



We firmly support the United States Constitution and Bill of Rights, including the First Amendment: "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion" and Article Six "no religious test shall ever be required as a qualification to any office or public trust under the United States".



Can I make tax deductible donations? **Yes!** Many freethinking groups are 501c3. See Page 8.

Print one copy of this newsletter to leave somewhere for others to read. You never know who is questioning.



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Screening and Discussion: "The New Black"

Monday, November 3, 2014
5:45 PM to 9:00 PM

University of the Pacific - DeRosa University Center
3600 Pacific Ave, Stockton, CA ([map](#))

The Colliver Lecture this year will sponsor a screening of the film *The New Black*, which depicts the tensions in African-American religious communities in Maryland during the run up to the referendum on same-sex marriage in that state (Prop 6). The filmmaker, Yoruba Richen, will be present to introduce the film and take questions after the screening. Trailer: <http://www.newblackfilm.com/trailer/>

This is a free, public event. Parking after 5:30 PM is free.

Arrive and join us at any time. Here's the plan:
5:30pm - Meet at The Lair (upstairs) for dinner and drinks.
6:30pm - Doors open at the Ballroom. Refreshments will be served.
7:00pm - The event begins.

Sacramento Area's Freethinking Calendar

The Sacramento Area has its own event calendar for atheists, skeptics, humanists, and all other freethinkers. Sacramento Area groups love to cooperate and mingle, all supporting each other in these times of religious zeal. The Sac Coalition of Reason, which maintains this automatically-updated calendar, is not a club or group with a Board, or rules, but is a resource directing anyone interested to find local freethinking groups that suit them. Bookmark this calendar on your devices. It's a handy one-stop reference for almost everything going on up and down the valley.

<http://unitedcor.org/sacramento/page/events>

