

The Humanist Society of the Suncoast

A Socratic society dedicated to the proposition that the fully examined life is well worth living.

Member organization of the Humanists of Florida, the AHA, COR, and CSH. Find us at www.suncoasthumanist.com

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This month with the aid of President **Donna Klamm** of Florida Hemlock, we will get a better understanding of the current state of the rights of dying people to control the conditions of their life.



Donna Klamm

Our **Annual Board Elections** will be held at this meeting. Paid members only may participate.

Possible singularity notwithstanding, death is for now, the certain outcome for all of us. However, in a society tightly bound to traditional and mostly religious, habits on how this inevitable part of life is to be treated, newer and more humane possibilities are still not available.

Our guest speaker this month will explore the practical, political, and philosophical angles to the last question we may ever have.

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The Hemlock Society of Florida is planning an advocacy campaign this year to make Florida one of a growing number of states that give citizens more control over their end-of-life care. Oregon, New York, California and other states now have what's called a Physicians Order for Life Sustaining Treatment or POLST. Printed on brightly colored paper and signed by both the patient and a doctor or nurse practitioner, a POLST helps give seriously ill patients more control over their end-of-life care. A POLST is similar to an advance directive, but differs in two key ways. Unlike an advance directive which allows patients to express their values regarding treatment, a POLST contains actual medical orders. Also, unlike an advance directive, a POLST is designed to be portable from one health care setting to another. Recent research found that a POLST is much more reliable than an advance directive for people who want to avoid unwanted medical interventions.

Remember... we meet

in the **Countryside Library** at
2741 State Rd. 580 in Clearwater



Food: the first kindness. Humanists aspire to true friendship with our fellow human beings. An important measure of this is concern for the physical needs of others. Food is first.

Don't forget to bring canned and boxed food or checks

for **Tampa Bay Harvest.**



**Please join us
for this free and
open discussion.**

**On Saturday,
April 7th
at 2 PM:**

**Clearwater Country
-side Library
2741 State Rd. 580
Clearwater, FL 33761**

Following our
meeting, many of us
will dine and argue
together at the
Greek City Cafe,
across from the mall.

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Join us in our effort to ignite critical thinking, and embrace reason, & compassion in life, and to make the light of our life shine in the dark places of confusion.

~ **Join or Renew** ~

The Humanist Society of the Suncoast. Annual Dues

- ☐ Trial -3 month- free news
- ☐ **Regular -\$25.**
 - Renewal (January)
- ☐ Reg. Couple -\$30.
- ☐ Life -\$200.
- ☐ Life Couple -\$250.
- ☐ Associate -\$10.
- ☐ Contribution for growth

*If new, please fill out the form;
if renewing just indicate your name
and any changes from our previous
information. Thanks!*

Name: _____

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Send to:

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

What is the Humanist Way?

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

Our monthly social dinner, The Moveable Feast for April will be: ***Our Annual Spring Picnic !***

In lieu of a restaurant social dinner for April 22nd. Time is 2:30 to when we can't stand each other.

We are going to have a chicken dinner with any optional covered dish you wish to bring at Jackie Jordan's clubhouse in **Village Lake Condos 10691 Roosevelt St. Petersburg, FL 33716 located on the north side of Roosevelt Blvd about one block east of M. L. King (9th) st. north, in northeast St. Pete.** See [Map](#)
Park only in visitor or guest spaces. Party at pool.

Free to members, there is a nominal \$7 cost per non member for the dinner. [New non members could skip the \$7 by becoming paying members at any level] We also encourage attendees to bring an appetizer or dessert, etc. to complement the chicken.

Contact Glenn Paul by the 20th at 727-595-3347 or email at kpaul29@tampabay.rr.com **Reserve your spot.**

Laugh Lines ***Linguistic Paradoxen***

Let's face it - English is a crazy language. There is no egg in eggplant, nor ham in hamburger; neither apple nor pine in pineapple. English muffins weren't invented in England or French fries in France.

Sweetmeats are candies while sweetbreads, which aren't sweet, are meat.

We take English for granted. But if we explore its paradoxes, we find that quicksand can work slowly, boxing rings are square and a guinea pig is neither from Guinea, nor is it a pig.. And why is it that writers write but fingers don't fing, grocers don't groce and hammers don't ham? If the plural of tooth is teeth, why isn't the plural of booth, beeth? One goose, 2 geese. So one moose, 2 meese?

One index, 2 indices? Doesn't it seem crazy that you can make amends but not one amend? If you have a bunch of odds and ends and get rid of all but one of them, what do you call it? If teachers taught, why didn't preachers praught? If a vegetarian eats vegetables, what does a humanitarian eat? Sometimes I think all the English speakers should be committed to an asylum for the verbally insane.

In what language do people recite at a play and play at a recital? Ship by truck and send cargo by ship? Have noses that run and feet that smell?

How can a slim chance and a fat chance be the same, while a wise man and a wise guy are opposites? You have to marvel at the unique lunacy of a language in which your house can burn up as it burns down, in which you fill in a form by filling it out and in which, an alarm goes off by going on.

English was invented by people, not computers, and it reflects the creativity of the human race, which, of course, is not a race at all. That is why, when the stars are out, they are visible, but when the lights are out, they are invisible.

Thanks to Connie Purdum

HUMANIST SOCIETY OF THE SUNCOAST

A chapter of the American Humanist Assoc.
the Association of Secular Humanist Societies

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Have an Idea, opinion or essay you want to share?

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Brighten a Day

for a member of our family

As we get older, we get better, but sometimes there's just that little hiccup that might dampen our enthusiasm slightly. Then we need each other ...just a little more.

Bob Collette & Dot are always glad hear from you.

Meanwhile, **Matt Cooper, Ace Acenbrach, Rob Byrch,** are also down at the upholstery shop, recovering from various afflictions.

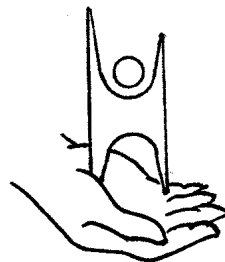
If you can, send our fellow members a note or call, and let them know you are concerned. Humanist Helping Hands on page 3 offers practical help to members calling for it.

Contact me if you know someone who should be listed.

Jim Peterson

Click on names to launch e-mail

Humanist Helping Hands



Several members have formed a caring response team to help any members of our Humanist family who may need supportive practical help. This is an independent group, not affiliated directly with the Humanist Society. But their efforts are wholly consistent with the Humanist outlook. Contact a member below if you wish to participate.

- ♦ Terri Eckstein (813) 891-9399
- ♦ Jerry Moore (727) 455-4973
- ♦ Nan Owens (813) 662-6612

Contact any of them if you feel you or someone in our group may need help.



Our Humanist Traveling Library

Thanks once again to the great and generous efforts of **Matt Cooper**, now hosted by **Dale Friedley**, we are able to offer a great selection of fine Humanist books, that often are not found in local libraries. This is a circulating library that depends on the integrity (and memory) of members to return and keep circulated, the many volumes in this fine collection. Matt has "paid it forward", now it's your turn.

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 - even if not from a distinctly Humanist perspective.

Let me know if you would like to recommend a person, idea, or organization.

Have an opinion, idea, news, or essay?

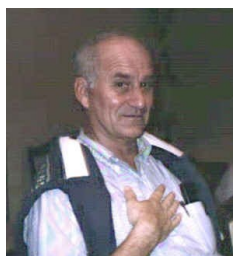
This newsletter is your space.

For editorial consideration for the next issue, contact Jim Peterson at: jim@suncoasthumanist.com

Here's a chance to do some good

by 'clicking on' to some various websites daily. It only takes about 1 minute each day to click onto thebreastcancersite.com, thehungersite.com and about 6 more worthy websites each day, each of which produces income for the site, and costs you nothing but a minute of your time. Please consider doing it daily - it is a gift that keeps on giving. I have been helping these websites for almost ten years.

Glenn Paul



Read Humanist Periodicals:

The Humanist, Free Inquiry, Free Mind, Humanist Perspectives, Skeptical Inquirer, Secular Humanist Bulletin, The Florida Humanist Journal, Skeptic, Essays in Humanism, and many others.

Volunteer ! 3

If we are truly to make a difference in an often indifferent world, we will have to constantly renew our efforts. Even if you have an active work and family life, there are always opportunities in ways large and small to be a leader in helping to right the world, to heal its wounds, and to create a place fit for gentle people to inhabit.

Nor is retirement the end of activity, but the beginning of putting your energy and efforts into the things that truly matter.

If you think that the basic philosophical outlook of Humanism can make a major contribution to human well being at all levels, it is time to join us as a volunteer to put your beliefs to work.

Contribute to the welfare of our own local chapter by leading efforts to bridge gaps, bring tolerance and social unity, and exercise kindness everywhere. A little financial help is always appreciated as well. **Start by renewing your membership!**

At a recent board meeting, we made plans to participate with an **information table** at a major public event in the coming year.

We are putting together a **Speakers Bureau** for outreach. You can help in many ways.

And we need help in setting up our meetings: chairs, electronic components when needed, literature and food collection tables. See a **Board member** to offer your help. **JP**

Humanist Quotes

"You can talk with someone for years, everyday, and still, it won't mean as much as what you can have when you sit in front of someone, not saying a word, yet you feel that person with your heart, you feel like you have known the person for forever.... connections are made with the heart, not the tongue."

— [C. JoyBell](#)



John Keiffer:



Atheist on Trial

Polk County does not like atheists. Many top government officials are members of an evangelical organization called "Polk Under Prayer" or PUP, that in 2009 anointed roadways into the county to the end that God would somehow prevent unbelievers from entering the county or the city of Lakeland. Prayer time is part of every city, county, and school board meeting. Needless to say, this is not a hospitable place for dissidents. Nonetheless, the area cannot disconnect itself from the state or the nation, with their constitutional traditions of secular government.

John felt that a challenge was needed. In 2010 Atheists of Florida had several members in the area, including its local chapter leader, Ellen Beth Wachs. John Keiffer, President of AoF at the time, working with the chapter and the AoF board, agreed to test the local government by raising awareness of the serious legal problems with their unconstitutional practices. One of these exercises was in response to the school board's half step concession of designating a "prayer time" before the actual meeting. John & Ellen Beth decided to test the right to have conversation and take photos while the chosen minister was leading citizens in prayer during the time before the call to order. It was at this point that the school board chair called on the police, who promptly arrested John and charged him with interrupting a public assembly. In the year since he has been charged, the county legal establishment seems determined to send him to jail for possibly a year and a half. This execrable action summons the outrage of all people who hold a high regard for a truly secular and fair government.

Interested people can check the columns of the [Tampa Bay Examiner](#). Those wishing to support John's legal fund can send a contribution via the Chip-in Website at:

<http://johnkieffer.chipin.com/john-kieffer-legal-defense>

Bank of Wisdom
Electronic publishing to make the world better

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These Rare Books are Amazing, and only a penny a page. Bank of Wisdom is listing thousands of Rare and Suppressed books in PDF format. These eBooks have a picture of every page so exact reliability is maintained. Yet these eBooks can be Searched and the Cut-and-Paste feature is active, these books can be used for scholarly research, and quoted by page and paragraph, just like the actual book. And for the casual reader there is no end of amazing and interesting facts and ideas that will enlighten, educate, astound, and elevate your view of History and the World. Most important we specialize in books to un-brainwash. The cost of most PDF instant downloads is \$.01 per page. (\$1.00 per hundred page book.) Entry for withdrawals is located here:

<http://bankofwisdom.com>

Dale Friedley's Film Freaks presents...

Film Meetup:

Questioning The Skin We Live In
Tampa Humanist Association &
The Humanist Society of the Suncoast

This is a provocative and edgy film by Pedro Almodovar that may be a little strong for some tastes, but presents an uncompromising view of certain aspects of the human condition. For more information, see:

[Film preview—Meetup](#)

Friday, March 30th at 6:30 Pm
[Eckerd College - Miller Auditorium](#)
4200 54th Ave. South, St. Petersburg, FL

Had Chicken Pox?



If you have, and are over 60 give very strong consideration to getting yourself vaccinated with the Herpes Zoster Vaccine. It will prevent or greatly reduce the effects of the painful disease known as shingles. Having chicken pox in your youth disposes you to shingles in later years as the responsible virus matures.

Most insurance companies cover the cost of the vaccination. Check your healthcare provider's policies.





FLORIDA REPORT

Civil liberties news in the Sunshine State



Dear ACLU Supporters,

This August, Tampa will be front-and-center on the world's stage when the 2012 Republican National Convention (RNC) comes to town. Thousands of journalists, delegates, public officials, along with demonstrators and protestors will converge on a city that will have spent millions ramping up surveillance and law enforcement. To help the citizens of the Tampa Bay area prepare for the convention and understand what it means for their rights, we invite you to join us for the **First Amendment Rights Forum: Focus on the 2012 RNC.**

With the eyes of the world watching what happens in and around the Tampa Bay Times Forum, thousands of local residents and visitors will be wondering: what does all of this mean for the city? What First Amendment rights do protestors and journalists have? What will the city and its police force do to protect those rights? These questions and others will be addressed by a panel of experts that includes:

- * Hon. Julianne Holt, Hillsborough County Public Defender
- * Mickey H. Osterreicher, General Counsel, National Press Photographers Association
- * James H. Shimberg Jr., Tampa City Attorney
- * Louis Virelli, Professor of Constitutional Law, Stetson University College of Law
- * Ellyn Angelotti, The Poynter Institute

Submit your questions in advance to [forum_moderator John Dingfelder](mailto:forum_moderator@aclufl.org), Senior Staff Attorney for the ACLU of Florida.

The panel will be preceeded by a reception with free food and drinks to meet and greet with your fellow defenders of freedom from the Tampa area. The reception and panel are free and open to the public, but Tampa Chapter members will participate in the chapter annual meeting during the reception.

Tuesday, April 3

Stetson University College of Law -Tampa Law Center 1700 N. Tampa St., Tampa, FL 33602

For more information on Civil liberty in Florida, see:

<http://www.aclufl.org>

**People
Over Politics**

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Our Website All newsletters from the past 5 years

<http://suncoasthumanist.com>

Our sister Organization...

Tampa Humanist Association

Join us Saturday, April 21, 2012, 11:00 AM for our next discussion!

Jimmie B. Keel Regional Library
Look for the Happy Humanist sign.
2902 West Bearss Avenue, Tampa, FL



The Tampa Humanist Association meets on the third Saturday every month at the Jimmie B Keel Library, 2902 West Bearss Avenue in Tampa at 11.00am.

In addition, we have instituted a Humanist Movie club and run joint Humanists and Skeptics in the Pub with our colleagues from Center for Inquiry.

For a **complete schedule of events** see:

<http://www.meetup.com/Tampa-Humanist-Association>

Or our Facebook page: <http://www.facebook.com/tampahumanist>

Or our website: <http://www.tampahumanist.com>

Join us for this fun, open and, always enlightening discussion.

THA is headed up by HSoS board member, **Rob Byrch**, who in concert with HSoS, brought this into full fruition in December. Both groups are sharing programs at all levels, and provide twice as many opportunities for all members to hear speakers, participate in social events, and generally share in all the benefits that come from being in the company of people like us. **JP**

Officers and board of THA:

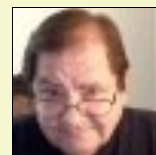
President: **Robert Byrch**,
Vice-President: Rick O'Keefe,
Secretary: Dale Friedley,
Treasurer: Gale Barron,
At large Members: Gin Kohl Lieberman
& Jim Peterson

It means much hard work, but the future for this group, with its outstanding leadership looks very promising. Those interested in attending future meetings should register on the Meetup page at:

www.meetup.com/Tampa-Humanist-Association

My Poem to the Religious

*I am, what you despise the most,
Rational and critical in my view.
Faith blinded your eyes with this holy hoax
Inerrant myth or denied existence,
Slavish dogma and unquestioned word.
Death and life, I know the difference!*



(Robert Byrch - 2012)



Humanism, Our World, and Our Future

Promoting Unity in the Tampa Bay Area

Freethought* Organizations in the Tampa Bay Area

Americans United
American Civil Liberties Union (2)
Tampa Humanist Association
Humanist Society of the Suncoast
Center for Inquiry
UU Humanists Clearwater
UU Humanists Tampa
Secular Student Alliance—USF
Atheists of Florida



Plus numerous Meetup organizations that promote what are essentially Humanist ideas and principles.

For several years now, various leaders of the freethought community in the bay area have been meeting informally to share experiences, and occasionally to coordinate plans. But recently, changing circumstances have brought additional pressure to cooperate in bringing programs and members services to an expanding movement. At this point leaders continue to meet, and together with the various boards of directors and committees try to develop policies that will enable every group to develop its unique role in serving its members. But now this will also encompass finding ways to share our activities with members of the other groups. As this momentum continues to grow, we will keep you informed of developments and problems.

* Freethought is a philosophical viewpoint that holds opinions should be formed on the basis of science, logic, and reason, and should not be influenced by unchecked authority.

The Atheists of Florida Case



As many of you may know, there has been considerable upset at an allied group, when on November 6th of last year the board of directors fired the president and vice president after revelations of manipulation, malfeasance, and an obvious attempt to usurp the organization's property. Since then the fired officials have retained all the media property of the organization including its website and Meetup pages. This makes it nearly impossible to conduct ordinary business. Several court cases have been filed from both sides, with thus far no resolution. But this status may change very soon. It is hoped by many that Atheists of Florida Inc. will arise again to become an important part of freethought activity here in the bay area. For a free PDF newsletter with details of the situation write to [AoF](#) here.

JP



TBPCC is an autonomous adjunct to the Humanist Society. In February of 2012, council members presented **a course on Post Carbon issues** at the University of South Florida. We showed that there are likely to be dramatic changes in the way we live in the intermediate future.

The following is excerpted from a recent national column by environmentalist, **Bill McKibben**

Record-breaking dead heat in Illinois for both polls and temperature

Today may mark the seventh straight day of 80 degree temperatures at O'Hare, something that's never happened before in March. Or in April, for that matter. "It is extraordinarily rare for climate locations with 100+ year-long periods of records to break records day after day after day," the local office of the National Weather Service said in a statement on Sunday morning, following a Saint Patrick's Day that shattered 141 years of records.

And the Windy City is not alone. In International Falls, which threatened suit when a Colorado city tried to steal its "Nation's Icebox" moniker, the mercury went to 77 degrees on Saturday — which was 42 degrees above average, and 22 degrees above the old record. It's possible, according to weather historian Christopher Burt, that no station with a century of weather data has ever broken a mark by that much.

For 25 years climatologists have been telling us to expect exactly this kind of weather — such extremes become ever more likely as we warm the planet. It's not just heat; it's also drought and flood. Last year the US suffered through more multi-billion-dollar weather disasters than any other year in history. And it's not just the US — in 2010, the world's largest insurance company said there was no way to explain the rapid planetary spike in extreme weather except for global warming.

We invite you to become a member of the Council, and make a difference in the quality of our lives. Click below for more: www.tampabaypostcarbon.com

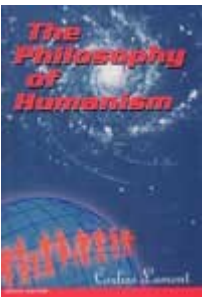
Humanist Books from the AHA

One Planet One People by Carl Coon Hardcover 149 pp \$22.



By Carl Coon, Former Ambassador to Nepal
In this succinct, highly readable overview of the evolution of human society, the author argues that the 21st century will witness a crucially important and difficult transition for the human race. Blending the disciplines of anthropology and evolutionary psychology with over thirty years of experience in the diplomatic corps, Coon traces the evolution of the human tendency to divide others into two groups, "us versus them." Today, he argues, we have reached a stage where the whole world must be viewed as "us," for only a united world community can cope with today's global challenges.

The Philosophy of Humanism - Corliss Lamont



\$16.95

By Dr. Corliss Lamont.

In a work that is a standard text and reference in the ongoing international discussion around secular humanism, Lamont offers an argument for a philosophy that advocates for happiness in this life rather than hope for an undefined afterlife. Paperback, 371 pages.

Why Was I Born?



\$5.00

Why Was I Born? What is my purpose for being here?

A Humanistic view of life by Lyle J Simpson.

These books and a great many more can be ordered from: **The Humanist Press**
<http://evolvefish.com/fish/HumanistPress.html>

economichumanrights.org

POOR PEOPLE'S ECONOMIC HUMAN RIGHTS CAMPAIGN

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Phone: 267 344 6318

The Poor People's Economic Human Rights Campaign and others will march on opening day of the Republican National Convention on AUGUST 27th, Monday from 3pm to 530pm. This is a March of the Homeless, the Poor, the Unemployed and Supporters to call for a STOP TO ALL FORECLOSURES, STOP THE CRIMINALIZATION OF THE POOR AND HOMELESS. HOUSING AND FOOD ARE HUMAN RIGHTS!

Find out more about end of life issues. Everyone has to face this final question. But there are choices not provided by conventional institutions. For more information see:

<http://hemlockflorida.org/index.htm> &
www.compassionandchoices.org



Current news of interest

The Development Committee

The Committee will meet soon according to Chair, Matt Cooper. There is still much to do if the Society is to fulfill its potential.

The Speakers Bureau

Those of us who would like to help the Humanist cause by becoming a speaker on various aspects for public organizations are invited to join the Speakers Group after the meeting.

The Tampa Humanist Association

Rob Byrch hosted the fourth meeting with a roundtable discussion on the nature of Secular Humanism.

The next meeting will be on April 21st at 11 AM: at the Jimmy Keel Library in Tampa. See page 5 for more.



Don't Forget...

Tampa Bay Harvest

Please...

bring as many boxed and canned food items as you can to this meeting.

With the important help of **Glenn Paul** and **Tampa bay Harvest**, we can do our part to help relieve significant human suffering in our area. This year's goal: 1000 pounds.
It's the Humanist thing to do!

Glenn needs and deserves more support to make this project the success it ought to be for an organization of our size. If you can help (and I know you can!) please see Glenn to offer your support.



Compassion & Choices
Choice & Care at the End of Life.

March 2012 Calendar

Submitted by **Rick Okeefe**, with Dale Friedley, & Rob Byrch

Dates/times may change due to unforeseen reasons,
Event details are on CFI website! <http://www.CenterForInquiry.net/Tampa>
Please RSVP, most meetings. Receive invitations, reminders, and changes
from CFI. <http://www.meetup.com/CFI-Tampa-Bay/>

Joint CFI & Brandon Atheists—BRANDON

Starts Sunday, Apr. 8 at 7:00 pm
Location: The Brass Tap, 775 Brandon Town Center, Brandon, FL
[map](#): **RSVP** to Kathryn before Saturday, Apr. 7, noon at

The Brandon Atheists are a fun and friendly social-only group (no divisive activism). So, if you want good conversation and a choice of 400+ craft beers, visit our monthly joint evening of freethought enjoyment. Ask the host for the Brandon Atheists table.

CFI Skeptics/Humanists in the Pub—CARROLLWOOD/NORTHDALE

Starts Thursday, April 12, 2012 at 6:00 pm
Location: Michael's Grill, 11720 North Dale Mabry Hwy., Tampa, FL 33618 813-964-8334 [Menu/map](#): **RSVP required**: "[REPLY](#)" or call 813.443.2729 by Wednesday 6 PM, Apr. 11. One of the few better places we've found where we can easily converse. There's a fine wine shop next door. Invite freethinking friends; there's strength in numbers.



CFI Skeptics in the Pub—BRANDON

???, April ??, 2012 at ??? Location TBA
RSVP to Carl at (813) 661-0633 before noon, ???, Apr. ??, or [here](#).

UU Clearwater Humanists—CLEARWATER

Lecture: Saturday, April 14th, 11am 2012 at 12:30 pm
Location: Unitarian Universalists of Clearwater, 2470 Nursery Blvd., Clearwater, FL
Info and map to UUC: <http://uuclearwater.org/>

The speaker will be Dr. Alan Grindal, a neurologist from Sarasota, who has given CFI members valuable information over the years. He'll be speaking about new revelations in brain science which have created a flood of information about human behavior. This will be an exciting and informative meeting, and will be held in the Patio Room.
RSVP to Mark before noon, Saturday, Apr. 13 at mwbrandt@mail.usf.edu

Tampa Bay Thinkers Discussion Group—CARROLLWOOD

Starts Monday, April 16, 2012 at 6:30 pm
Location: Carrollwood Cultural Center, 4537 Lowell Rd, Carrollwood, FL 33618 (NW Tampa)
Click for a [MAP](#) to the Center.

Hermeneutics--what is the meaning of the 'text'? Bob Muir will be leading the April Meetup to discuss concepts in that term most in the Thinkers may have to look up for its meaning and certainly will have to check the spelling of. This weird term is really a study of interpretation for meaning and though it is generally useful, Bob will be centering on interpreting meaning from texts and discourse. Details must be seen on their [Meetup](#) site. If you will be going, please bring a potluck snack or picnic-type treat.

CFI German Beer Night—NEW TAMPA/USF

Starts Wednesday, April 18, 2012 at 6:00 pm
Location: Mr. Dunderbak's Beer Garden, 14929 Bruce B. Downs Blvd., Tampa FL 33613 (813) 977-4104
Come and enjoy German food and a wide variety of beers with your fellow freethinkers. If you like Red cabbage, potato pancakes, sandwiches and other gustatory delights ..., this is for you. Usually, every 3rd Wednesday is our German Beer night.
Map: <http://tinyurl.com/3cy7ctb>
Menu: <http://dunderbaks.com/menu.html>
RSVP required: "[reply](#)" or call 813.443.2729 by Monday 5 PM, Apr. 20 so we can reserve space.

Café Philo—philosophical discussion group in Tampa at Dale Mabry Barnes & Noble See [Website](#) for more info.

Tampa Humanist Association—NEW TAMPA

Starts Saturday, April 21, 2012 at 11:00 am
Location: Jimmie B. Keele Library, 2902 W. Bearss Avenue, Wesley Chapel, FL
MAP: Jimmie B. Keele Library
Topic TBA. **RSVP** to 813.388.5065 or RobertByrch@TampaHumanist.com before noon, Friday, Apr. 20.

CFI Skeptics/Humanists in the Pub—DUNEDIN

Starts Monday, April 23, 2012 at 6:00 pm
Location: Café Alfresco, 344 Main Street, Dunedin, FL 34698-5732
Map, menu, etc.: <http://www.CafeAlfrescoOnline.com/>
Our monthly Dunedin gathering is a congenial affair, with CFI members and friends alike sharing far-ranging discussions and good humor. Join us!
Voted "Best Restaurant on the Pinellas Trail 2009" by Tampa Bay Magazine, Café Alfresco is a quaint bistro on Main Street, in the hub of downtown Dunedin. Featuring "home cooking", the food is indeed quite good and affordable. Featuring select German beers and good wine.
RSVP is required if you are coming so we can reserve enough space. Seating is limited! [Click here](#) before noon, Apr. 22 (Sunday) (Tampa@CenterForInquiry.net).

Film Meetup: Filming the Birth of our Modern Minds, Dangerously

Starts Monday, April 23, 2012, 1:45 PM
Jimmie B Keel Regional Library, 2902 W Bearss Ave, Tampa, FL (map) See [website](#) for updated info.
(In library meeting room with me setting up the viewer.)
To the Freudian Thinkers: In my search for a place for the *Freaks and Thinkers* to show films to discuss, I finally have taken several peoples' advice and decided to go public. We will be watching the film *A Dangerous Method* at the Jimmie B Keel library in Carrollwood. It is a couple of miles west of the Cultural Center and is open on Saturday. I have applied to show this film on that day, so I think it is a go. I will be calling for us to go after the film to a nice place to talk about everything somewhere nearby, probably on Dale Mabry. Hopefully this strategy will work out and we can meet there several times in the near future. ... Dale Friedly
RSVP if you are coming. Seating is limited! Email: DaleFried@aol.com before noon, Apr. 28 (Saturday)