

Roundtable (Pellissippi State)

April 2, 10:30 AM

This month's discussion will be **Freedom, Tolerance and Multiculturalism**. This discussion may take several turns. Consider the resent controversy over the Danish cartoons. Or secret wiretapping. Come early for snacks and conversation.

Roundtable Topics Anyone?

If there is a topic that you would like to have as part of a roundtable, please let Aleta know. Call 982-8687 or e-mail aletaledendecker@earthlink.net.

The Book Club (Barne's and Noble Booksellers)

April 9, 5:00 PM

This month's book is **Active Liberty: Interpreting our Democratic Constitution** by Stephen Breyer. Next month's book is **Active Liberty: Interpreting our Democratic Constitution** by Stephen Breyer Coffee is provided by Barne's and Noble. For more information about the book club contact John McCaffrey at jkmccaffreytn@yahoo.com.

Time to Send in Book Suggestions

If you have read an interesting book that you would like to suggest for the book club, it is time to establish the next 6 months of selections. Please send suggestions to John McCaffrey by April 12, at jkmccaffreytn@yahoo.com. You can submit them at a meeting, too.

Philosophy Sunday (Pellissippi State)

April 16, 10:30 AM

This month's topic is **What's Wrong with Consumerism?** Dr. John Hardwig, of the UT philosophy department will give this presentation. Does having more make us happier? Do you "buy" into this idea? Come share thoughts. Socializing begins at 10:00 AM. The presentation begins at 10:30.

Donations to the Secular Coalition for America

When Herb Silverman visited in February he shared the efforts of the Secular Coalition of America, which is an umbrella group of freethinker and humanist organizations. They sponsor a lobbyist in Washington. The board of RET has authorized matching up to \$500 in contributions to SCA. Take a few moments to write a check in support of this effort. Send checks earmarked to SCA to RET, PO Box 51634, Knoxville TN 37950. If more than \$500 is collected, the additional funds will, of course, be sent to the Secular Coalition for America along with RET's \$500 contribution. This is a good way to make an impact.

Camp Quest of the Smoky Mountains: June 4 - 11, 2006 Campers Needed!

Do you know a young person aged 8 - 17 who would enjoy a week of camping in the Smokies with like-minded friends? In addition to all the normal camp activities, there will be science, philosophy and critical thinking! . Volunteers are also needed. Let Aleta know if you are able to help in ANY way. 982-8687 or aletaledendecker@earthlink.net. This looks like it will be our most successful year yet.

RET fund drive - Now donate on line!

RET is recognized by the IRS as a tax exempt nonprofit organization. Your generous donations are welcome and can be listed as a deduction on your tax return. Please give to RET by contacting the treasurer, RET POB 51634 Knoxville, TN 37950. The more you do for RET, the more it can do for you.

Dues and Donations

You may now pay dues or make donations to RET through the Web site: www.rationalists.org. Do so securely with Paypal! Click on the button and indicate the purpose of your payment.

Minutes of Board Meetings

If you would like a copy of the minutes of monthly board meetings, please send a SASE to RET, P.O. Box 51634, Knoxville TN 37950 or YOU CAN NOW CHECK THE RET WEB SITE by going to the private area and clicking the appropriate button.

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The Newsletter can also be found online at our Web site: www.rationalists.org. Scheduling: Philosophy (Michael Lance) lancem@ornl.gov; Round tables (Aleta Ledendecker) aletaledendecker@earthlink.net, 982-8687; Book Club (John McCaffrey) jkmccaffreytn@yahoo.com

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