
Roundtable (Candy Factory, World's Fair Park Drive) August 3, 10:30 AM

This month's roundtable discussion will be on "Anti-American Sentiment: Causes and Results" As usual, socializing will begin at 10:00. If you have any goodies you would like to share, please bring them with you. Call 539-3006 for more information.

The Book Club (Barnes and Noble, Kingston Pike) August 10, 5:00 PM

Mark your calendars for Sunday, August 10, for *Amazing Conversions: Why Some Turn to Faith and Others Abandon Religion* by Bob Altemeyer & Bruce Hunsberger.. Even if you have not read the book, you are welcome at the discussion. The book for September *Manufacturing Consent: The Political Economy of the Mass Media* by Edward Herman and Noam Chomsky For more information contact Massimo Pigliucci, Pigliucci@utk.edu or 673-3742.

Philosophy Sunday (Candy Factory, World's Fair Park Drive) August 17 10:30 AM

The philosophy discussion will be Sunday, August 17, 10:30 AM at the Candy Factory. Join us as we discuss a wide range of topics related to morals and marriage from rationalists' perspective. Topics may include the history of marriage; its legal, religious, and social meanings and purposes; monogamy and infidelity; trial marriage and de facto marriage; divorce; and the role of the state. Suggested readings include: Bertrand Russell's *Marriage and Morals*; Robert Wright's *The Moral Animal*; Jared Diamond's *The Third Chimpanzee* and *Why is Sex Fun?*; and Richard Taylor's "Why Marriage?" [Free Inquiry, Summer 2003, pp. 49-51].

Sertoma Garage Sale August 23, 8:00 - 12:00

RET is participating in "Knoxville's Kolossal Garage Sale" this year. Do some fall cleaning and find items to donate to help out RET. Sharron and Phil King will be collecting things at their home for the sale. Please no firearms (!) and no clothing unless it is truly something spectacular. We have an 8 x 15 space to fill with wonderful things to sell. The Kings can be contacted at 690-7687 or spking@comcast.net or philip.king@comcast.net.

Pot Luck Pool Party August 23 6:00 PM

The Ledendeckers would like to welcome all RETers to their home for an end of summer pool party following the garage sale. Bring something good to eat to share with others. There will be swimming, badminton, bocce and relaxing on the new screened-in porch. A map is attached, but please RSVP so plans can be made. Call Aleta at 982-8687 or e-mail at aletaledendecker@earthlink.net.

Web page

The RET web site has new features. **Members** may now access the membership directory (and can edit the amount of information available to others), and member forums. Members should have received information about these and other services via e-mail. If you are a paid member and have not received this information, please send an e-mail to webmaster@rationalists.org or treasurer@rationalists.org. If you are not a member and would like to become one, send your \$25 dues to RET, P. O. Box 51634, Knoxville TN 37950.

Rotating Dinners

The RET dinner club meets every two months at different homes. Hosts provide a meal for those assigned to their home approximately once a year. New diners are welcome, since the greater the numbers of participants, the more interesting the mix will be. Please contact Anne Venditti at 670-2944 if you would like to join. Call now if you are not already a registered diner and want to get in on the action for October.

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The [Newsletter](http://www.rationalists.org) can also be found online at our Web site: www.rationalists.org. General Questions and scheduling (Chuck Janack) c_janack@yahoo.com or 531-8577
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