

Roundtable (CANDY FACTORY-Board Room)

December 4, 10:30 AM

This month Jake Weltzin from the UT speakers' bureau will present "Global Warming: Is the Jury Still Out?" Several (but not too many) years ago, a very prominent politician argued that "the jury is still out" on the topic of global warming. However, it is now clear that the "jury is in," and the verdict has been read: global warming is a reality, and humans have contributed to the problem. Or, is it really a problem? This presentation investigates the evidence that the climate has changed, and delves into the role of human beings in this change. The speaker discusses the most recent predictions of how global and regional climates are likely to change over the next century, and considers the various factors that contribute to changes in the atmosphere, which controls temperature and precipitation regimes. This background information is used to assess how human and natural ecological systems might respond to ongoing and impending changes in the climate. The speaker also considers several outstanding examples of global-change research being conducted in East Tennessee. Come early for conversation and coffee!

The Book Club (Barne's and Noble).

December 11, 5:00 PM

Andy Shor will lead the discussion on **The Triple Helix: Gene, Organism and Environment** by Richard Lowentin. Free coffee is served at Barnes and Noble on Kingston Pike. Next month's selection is **Free for All: Defending Liberty in America Today** by Wendy Kaminer.

Philosophy Sunday No meeting this month due to the Solstice Party!

Solstice Party Saturday, December 17, 6:00 PM Phil & Sharron King's Home

The solstice party will be a potluck so bring something good to share and lots of good cheer.

Location Needed

As of the end of December, RET will no longer be able to meet in the Candy Factory. Please be thinking of alternative locations for our meetings.

RET needs you!

It is time to be thinking of the upcoming elections in January. If you would be interested in serving on the board as an officer or a director, please contact Dale Haste at 482-3672. RET can only continue to be the voice of reason in the community with your help. Please consider serving for a year.

RET fund drive: See attached letter!

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Minutes of Board Meetings

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The Newsletter can also be found online at our Web site: www.rationalists.org. General Questions/scheduling, Philosophy & Round tables (Aleta Ledendecker) aletaledendecker@bellsouth.net, 982-8687; Book Club (John McCaffrey) jkmccaffreytn@yahoo.com

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