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**Roundtable Discussion** (Candy Factory, World's Fair Park Drive) **January 4, 10:30 AM**

Chuck Janack will lead a discussion about the Iroquois Confederacy's possible influence on the US Constitution. Join us for coffee and donuts at 10:00. If you have any goodies you would like to share, please bring them with you. Call 539-3006 for more information.

**Roundtable Discussion For February** **February 1, 10:30 AM**

Mark your calendars now for next month's Roundtable with special guest Ed Buckner. He will be discussing "The 10 Commandments and the Big Lies." And for you party animals, there will be a pot luck dinner with Ed on January 31 at Marsha Doyle's. More information will be in the next newsletter.

**The Book Club SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT** (Candy Factory) ---- ----- **January 11, 10:30 AM**

NOTICE! NOTICE! NOTICE! The book Club is now in the Candy Factory! Mark your calendars for Sunday, January 11, but make that at 10:30 AM at the Candy Factory. This month the book is ***Emergence: the Connected Lives of Ants, Brains, Cities, and Software*** by Steven Johnson. Even if you have not read the book, you are welcome at the discussion. the book for February is ***The Fundamentals of Extremism*** by Kimberly Blaker (Editor). For more information contact Massimo Pigliucci, [Pigliucci@utk.edu](mailto:Pigliucci@utk.edu) or 673-3742.

**Philosophy Sunday (Candy Factory)** **ELECTIONS** **January 18, 10:30 AM**

Instead of a philosophy discussion this month we will be holding the annual membership meeting. All paid members will have a chance to vote for the next board. The slate as determined by the nominating committee is: president, Dale Haste; vice president, Chuck Janack; secretary, Daryl Learn Houston; treasurer, Dave Buck; directors, Melissa Brenneman, Ralph Isler, Thomas Knapp, Carl Ledendecker, John McCaffery, and Charlie Orme. Outgoing president, Dave Buck, will also give a presentation on the year in review.

**Another Special Event** Celebrate the arrival of the newest and youngest RETer. **January 24, 11:00 AM**

There will be a baby shower at Phil and Sharron King's (1109 Venice Road, Knoxville) at 11 AM on Saturday, January 24, to honor the imminent arrival of Dave and Karen's new daughter, Ella. Everyone is welcome at this brunch. The happy parents would welcome baby girl clothes or diapers.

***Camp Quest Needs YOU!***

*Camp Quest 2004 will be held June 6 - 13 at the Great Smoky Mountain Institute at Tremont, near Cades Cove. We are looking for both counselors and campers. If you would like to participate in any way, please contact Aleta Ledendecker at 982-8687 or [aletaledendecker@earthlink.net](mailto:aletaledendecker@earthlink.net). The success of Camp Quest depends on the help of many volunteers. Thanks.*

**RET fund drive: You have made it a success, but don't stop now!**

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.

**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.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Roundtable 4 Candy Factory 10:00 AM	5	6	7	8	9	10
Book Club 11 Candy Factory 10:00 AM	12	13	14	15	16	17
Elections 18 Candy Factory 10:00 AM	19	20	21	22	23	Baby Shower 24 King's 11:00 AM
25	26	27	28	29	30	Pot Luck 31 Marsha Doyle's 6:00 PM

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