

Rationalists of East Tennessee Newsletter July 2003

Roundtable (Candy Factory, World's Fair Park Drive) No July Roundtable

There will be no meeting on July 6, 2003. This is the weekend of the Lake Hypatia Freethought Advance in Talladega, Alabama. Many of the RET members make a yearly trek to this event. Consider joining the fun.

Philosophy Sunday (Candy Factory, World's Fair Park Drive) July 20, 10:30

AM

The philosophy discussion will be Sunday, July 20, 10:30 AM at the Candy Factory. The topic is "Nothing Comes from Nothing: An Investigation of the origins of Christianity." Dr. David Tandy of the UT Department of Humanities is our special guest for this discussion. Refreshments will be at 10:00, and bring any goodies you would like to share. Call 671-4222 if you have any questions.

The Book Club (Barnes and Noble, Kingston Pike) July 13, 5:00 PM

Mark your calendars for Sunday, July 13, for *The Culture of Fear* by Barry Glassner. Even if you have not read the book, you are welcome at the discussion. The book for September is *Amazing Conversions: Why Some Turn to Faith and Others Abandon Religion* by Bob Altemeyer and Bruce Hunsberger. For more information contact Massimo Pigliucci, Pigliucci@utk.edu or 673-3742. Please note that it is time to vote for upcoming books. For more information visit www.rationalists.org.

Web page www.rationalists.org

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 August. The dinner is scheduled for August 2.

Recognition for RET

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 treasurer, Michael Valentine. RET POB 51634 Knoxville, TN 37950

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.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	Lake Hypatia 4	5
No Roundtable 6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Book Club 8 Barnes & Noble 5:00 PM	14	15	16	17	18	19
Philosophy 15 Candy Factory 10:00 AM	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

The Newsletter 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; Book Club (Massimo Pigliucci) pigliucci@utk.edu, 673-3742; Round tables (Mleeka Learn Houston) mleeka@learnhouston.com, 539-3006; Philosophy (Dave Buck) dbuck@visumllc.com. 671-4222