

Roundtable (CANDY FACTORY-Board Room) October 2, 10:30 AM

Jerry Bone of the Oak Ridge Environmental Peace Alliance will lead a discussion on "World Wide Nuclear Weapons." Before the meeting, Jerry would like us to consider that there was a time when the United States, and other nations in the "nuclear club", supported the idea that the world could someday rid itself of nuclear weapons. All that was required agreement on a schedule for disarmament and defined mechanisms to keep weapon materials out of the hands of non-nuclear nations and "rogue" states.

Now the US has adopted a "go it alone" stance and has distanced itself from those institutions and treaties that might have moved the world toward disarmament and non-proliferation. The US is taking the lead in refusing to abide by treaties that require disarmament. It now threatens to not only to retaliate if nuclear weapons are used against it, but also to initiate the use nuclear weapons in a non-nuclear war, against nations that do not have nuclear weapons.

Socializing and coffee at 10:00 with the presentation/discussion beginning at 10:30 AM.

The Book Club (Barne's and Noble). October 9, 5:00 PM

This month's book is *Unequal Protection: The Rise of Corporate Dominance & the Theft of Human Rights* by Thom Hartmann, with Chuck Janack moderating.

It is time to submit possible books for discussion. Please send your choices to John McCaffrey at jkmccaffreytn@yahoo.com. Normally the person who suggests the book, leads the discussion if it is chosen, but other arrangements are possible if that isn't an option.

The book club is held at Barne's and Noble Bookstore on Kingston Pike at 5:00 PM. Free B & N coffee is served.

Philosophy Sunday (CANDY FACTORY-Board Room) October 16, 10:30 AM

Daryl Learn-Houston will lead a discussion based on the Teaching Company's lecture by George Berkeley on materialism vs. rationalism "No Mind? No Matter." Come early to partake of some coffee and socializing.

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