

THE ATHEIST

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Monthly potluck reminder: April 17

The monthly ACA potluck supper will take place Saturday, April 17 at 7:00 PM at the home of Russell and Virginia Glasser. Please bring a dish to share. If you need directions, please contact Ginny (virginia@apollowebworks.com) or Russell (rglasser@apollowebworks.com).

April 18 Lecture: Kathleen Donaho-Jaeger on Computer Forensics

Our speaker for Sunday, April 18 will be Kathleen Donaho-Jaeger, an expert in information systems security with more than 25 years experience in systems analysis and risk management. She will speak on the topic of computer forensics.

Ms. Donaho-Jaeger has been an Information Security Officer (ISO) for more than 11 years. Her early training and experience in information security was in the Department of Defense (DoD) Contractor environment. Kathleen is a DoD certified Facility Security Operator (FSO)/Information System Security Officer (ISSO) and holds a certificate for Computer Seizure and Analysis.

She has also earned these professional designations: Certified Information Systems Security Professional (CISSP), Certified Information Systems Manager (CISM), and Certified Information Systems Auditor (CISA).

She is currently the ISO for the Texas Comptroller's Office and is the 2004 President for the Capitol of Texas Chapter of Information Systems Security Association (ISSA).

The lecture will take place on Sunday, April 18 at 12:30 PM in the at the Austin History Center, which is located at 9th Street and Guadalupe. There will be time allotted for a question and answer session after the lecture. You are encouraged to bring any questions you may have about the topic of computer forensics.

Thanks to Mary McManamee for organizing this lecture (and many others)!

ACA Elections to take place on May 2

Annual ACA elections will take place Sunday, May 2 at Joy East Chinese Buffet (2410 E. Riverside Drive). Our reservations are for 11:00 AM and elections will take place once everyone has had a chance to eat lunch.

All paid ACA members may vote and if you have been an ACA member for at least six months, you can run for office. Serving as an officer or board member is a great way to help steer the direction of the ACA and further our organization's objectives. All officers and board members serve one-year terms and attend monthly board meetings.

The positions up for election include: co-chairs (2); treasurer; secretary; archivist; and at-large board members (5). If you are interested in running, please contact Michelle Gadush (mgadush@yahoo.com) or Jeff Jones (jeffj@austin.rr.com). Nominations will also be accepted at the May 2 meeting.

Reminder: membership renewal

All annual ACA memberships expired at the end of February. If you have not already renewed, please take some time to renew your membership by filling out a membership renewal form at the meeting or signing up online (see details at bottom of renewal form). Your membership gives you a voice in the direction of the ACA and helps to support our ongoing activities.

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Center for Inquiry to conduct two-day seminar in Austin - April 24 and 25, 2004

Defending Science and Reason in an Irrational World Intensive 2-day Seminar, April 24 & 25th, 2004
Holiday Inn, Austin Town Lake, 20 North IH-35, Austin

What is the latest in the battle for science and reason? Separation of church and state? Evolution education? Religion in the media? Now you can enjoy a face-to-face briefing from front-line activists. Join the Center for Inquiry for "Defending Science and Reason in an Irrational World."

Participants include: Paul Kurtz, Founder & chair, Center for Inquiry; Amanda Chesworth, Director, Inquiring Minds Project; David Koepsell, Executive Director, Council for Secular Humanism; Tom Flynn, Editor, Free Inquiry; Richard Hull, Senior Development Officer; and DJ Grothe, Director, CFI-On Campus.

Registration is just \$49 per person -- this includes a complementary luncheon on Saturday. For registration information, contact Barry Karr, skeptinq@aol.com.

Regularly Scheduled ACA Events:

Saturdays:

"The Non-Prophets" Internet audio show airs every other week from 2:00 - 3:30 PM at www.atheistnetwork.com. Archives can be played at www.atheist-community.org.

Sundays:

Weekly Meetings take place every Sunday except the third Sunday of the month. Times and locations will vary until we find a permanent meeting place. Check <http://www.atheist-community.org/meetings.htm> for details.

Monthly Lecture Meetings take place the third Sunday of every month at 12:30 PM at the Austin History Center, which is located at 9th Street and Guadalupe.

"The Atheist Experience" Live Call-in TV Show: 4:30 - 6:00 PM, on Austin Access Channel 10. Volunteers always needed to screen calls, run cameras, etc. To volunteer, come to the ACAC studios at 1143 Northwestern Ave. between 3:30 and 4:00.

Mondays: Godless Gamers takes place at 7:00 PM at the home of Russell and Ginny Glasser. Contact Russell (rglasser@apollowebworks.com) for directions.

Thursdays: Atheist Happy Hour takes place at 7:30 PM at Antonio's Tex-Mex restaurant near the intersection of IH 35 and US 183.

E-Mail Discussion/Announcement Lists: Lists include a general discussion list, an "ask an atheist" list, a gamers' list, a social announcements list, and a singles' list www.atheist-community.org/email.htm

Newsletter volunteers needed

by Jill Ford

The July 2004 issue of *The Atheist* will be my last as editor. I have enjoyed producing the ACA newsletter for the past two years, but need to make time for some new projects in my life. I hope that another ACA member will be interested in taking over as editor and continuing this important line of communication. We are lucky to have a talented group of people in the ACA who enjoy writing and cartooning. These generous contributions from the membership make the editor's job much easier.

The newsletter editor job involves writing informational articles; soliciting articles, photos and cartoons from other ACA members; laying out the newsletter; and producing a hard copy version and web version (PDF or HTML). We are also always looking for people to contribute writing or art to the newsletter. If interested in volunteering, please contact me at jillf@austin.rr.com.

Texas Atheist and Agnostic Conference in planning stage

by Susan Brown

What: Texas Atheist and Agnostic Conference

This will be a meeting of atheists, agnostics and freethinkers from all over Texas to discuss and explore issues relevant to our lives and organizations. Proposed topics: church/state separation issues, how to apply for non-profit status, (how to get "non-prophet" status, lol!), producing a cable access television show, producing an internet radio show (we may even do a live broadcast from the conference Saturday afternoon), building an atheist law center in Texas, etc. Children are encouraged to attend, and we will have activities for them.

When: Friday, October 8 through Sunday, October 10, 2004

Where: Holiday Inn Town Lake, Austin

Be on the lookout for detailed information in a few months. If you have any ideas or suggestions for the conference, join the yahoo list: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/texasiconoclasts/> or call Susan Brown at 443-0689.