



Ethical Views

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Sunday Platforms October 2013

Sunday, October 6, 11:00 AM
The Inherent Worth of Everyone
Hugh Taft-Morales, Leader, Ethical Humanist Society of Philadelphia



At the heart of Ethical Humanism is a commitment to honor the inherent worth of every person. Of course we are flawed and frail creatures, and won't *always* live

up to this commitment. But declaring that everyone has worth is important in a world that devalues people left and right. From the one million helpless infants each year that die the day they are born, to prisoners in solitary confinement for years, to many elderly we warehouse in substandard nursing homes, those without money or power we mistreat. When will we create a society where the worth of every person is protected as precious? Hugh Taft-Morales explores this challenge and calls on Ethical Humanists, including himself, to do better.

Sunday, October 13, 11:00 AM
Philadelphia Public Schools
Rhonda Brownstein

Public education in Pennsylvania is in a state of crisis. In 2011, the legislature cut funding for public schools by nearly \$1 billion. In 2012 it eliminated the school funding formula. The consequences? Public schools in cities, suburbs, and small towns have cut essential programs and personnel. Music classes? Gone.



Art classes? Gone. School libraries? Shuttered. Guidance counselors and school nurses? Nearly extinct. School sports? Pay-to-play. Instead of closing the funding gaps between the high-needs school districts and wealthier ones, the state has expanded existing gaps. The largest cuts in state funding have been imposed on needy districts. In Southeastern PA, state funding cuts were deepest in Norristown, Bristol, Pottstown, Coatesville, and Philadelphia. It's time to reverse this disastrous course by reinvesting in our children and by implementing a fair funding formula that addresses real classroom costs, meets real student needs, and builds successful schools and communities.

Rhonda Brownstein is Executive Director of the Education Law Center, a statewide advocacy organization to ensure our most at-risk children have access to quality public schools. Before coming to ELC, Rhonda was Visiting Assistant Professor at the University of Denver's College of Law, where she taught Civil Litigation and Civil Rights. Earlier, she was at the Southern Poverty Law Center as a litigator and then Legal Director. Rhonda led or co-counseled many ground-breaking cases, including ones that ended Alabama's notorious chain gangs and opposed neo-Nazi and Ku Klux Klan organizations. A Philadelphia native, Rhonda graduated from Northeast High School, Penn State University, and Temple University Law School.

Sunday, October 20, 2013, 11:00 AM
Ballots and Bucks: Democracy for Sale
Hugh Taft-Morales, Leader, Ethical Humanist Society of Philadelphia

From the birth of the United States, activists have suffered and died to protect the right to vote: Susan B.



Anthony, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Carrie Chapman Catt, Inez Milholland, Medgar Evers, Rev. George Lee, James Chaney,

Andrew Goodman and Michael Schwerner, and many more. They all understood that suffrage was about liberty, dignity, and respect. With such sacrifice, how can we let the vote be stolen from us by corporate interests? How can we challenge corporate personhood and cynical attempts by organizations like the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC) to deny the vote to millions while selling democracy to millionaires? Hugh Taft-Morales explores the ethical imperative to save democracy.

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President's Message



Fracking, then Gagging? Lessons from Factory Farming

**Jeffrey Dubb, M.D.,
President, EHSOP
Board of Trustees**

I thought I would write an article with a catchy title like “Was Felix a Vegetarian?” and urge EHSOP to take up the cause against factory farming. I do note that neither EHSOP nor the AEU has taken a position on the inhumane treatment of animals, much less the issue of a vegetarian diet. In spite of the obvious advantages of a vegetarian diet in terms of personal health and global warming, I am not advocating that any one person, much less the members of the EHSOP, change their eating habits and adopt a vegetarian diet. I have had discussions with a number of you and have come to realize that people don’t like to be told what to eat or not eat and have it suggested that they are somehow immoral or unethical because they don’t agree with you. But as I continued reading I found another aspect of the practice of factory farming that may make you sit up and take notice: the relationship between two immoral practices, factory farming and fracking.

Let me start at an unlikely point, the chapter entitled, “The Ethics of Eating Animals” from *The Omnivore’s Dilemma* by Michael Pollan. You know you are going to be in for an interesting discussion when you read the opening sentence: “The first time I opened Peter Singer’s *Animal Liberation* I was dining alone at the Palm, trying to enjoy a rib-eye steak cooked medium rare.”

Pollan believes that it is acceptable to consume meat and that it is preferable to get the meat from farms with humane conditions. What we need to consider is that eating beef, pork, and chicken in the 21st century may involve different ethical considerations than it did 50 years ago. Pollan observes: “The industrialization – and brutalization – of animals in America is a relatively new, evitable, and local phenomenon: No

other country raises and slaughters its food animals quite as intensively or as brutally as we do.”

The writing that really pushed me to write this column comes from the July/August 2013 edition of *The Humanist* by Namit Arora entitled “On Eating Animals.” Since the American Humanist Association (AHA) shares many positions with the AEU, I thought we should pay attention to them. Arora presents an aggressive case against factory farming and how it represents a huge change in agricultural practice compared with conditions that prevailed earlier in our history or that even exist now in Europe.

At this point, you must realize that by the time an egregious practice like factory farming came to the attention of the AHA, the ethical and moral issues have been percolating for a long time in the brains of those who benefit from the wholesale slaughter of farm animals. Accordingly, the slaughtering industry has come up with a series of measures to keep this issue from our attention. First is the way the slaughterhouses are operated. Most of the people who work in the plants never see what happens on the killing floor where the work is done by non-unionized immigrant labor. Second is the use of language: cattle are referred to as “beef” not animals, and food safety workers are focused on technical details like bacterial counts and knife sterilization. Nowhere does anyone say that these facilities are *slaughterhouses*. That word is definitely off limits.



Chicago Stockyards

Third is the actual criminalization of activities to oppose factory farming. The Animal Enterprise Terrorism Act was originally passed by Congress in 1992 to prevent activists from interfering with the animal testing labs that support the pharmaceutical industry. However, it appears now that this law is going to be used to prevent people from finding out what goes on in the factory farming

industry. It seems that the FBI Joint Terrorism Task Force is investigating activists who try to document abuses on factory farms.

Finally, we are seeing a nationwide campaign to prevent whistleblower investigations of abuses on factory farms. Animal welfare organizations, vegetarians, and humane societies are calling attention to the sudden introduction of bills in state legislature to prevent investigation of unsafe farm practices. Some of these bills are based on model proposals from the American Legislative Exchange Council. ALEC is a right-wing group that drafts model legislation for a spate of conservative causes including stand-your-ground and voter ID bills. Conservative legislatures simply take a model bill off the shelf, make a few modifications, and introduce it. Saves wear and tear.

The *New York Times* on April 6, 2013 published an article “Taping of Farm Cruelty is Becoming the Crime.” So far 11 states have introduced bills to either make documenting abuses on farms illegal or else require investigators to turn over their footage to authorities. Senator Mike Brubaker, Republican from the 36th district (Lancaster and Chester counties), has introduced bill House Bill 683 which makes showing footage of factory farm investigations illegal. Representative Gary Haluska is introducing the bill in the Pennsylvania House. His memorandum is pasted below.

Opponents of these bills argue that since government inspection of factory farms is limited, whistleblowers perform an important public health function by bringing abuses to attention. Those in favor of the bills argue that those who release images of unsanitary and inhumane conditions are trying to stigmatize hardworking farmers and promote a vegetarian agenda.

EHSOP is on record as opposing fracking, virtually all of which takes place on farmland. It is not a stretch to see that a bill that bans documenting of operations concerning farm animals could be extended to other operations such as fracking. Ross Pifer, director of

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the Agricultural Law Resource and Reference Center at Penn State University's Dickinson School of Law, said filming of hydraulic fracturing operations could be prevented under the bill because gas companies often lease land from farmers.

Actually one of the most amazing gag orders has just come to light in the last month. Chris Hallowich, a farmer in Mt. Pleasant PA, reached a settlement in 2011 with Range Resources Inc. The Hallowich family had suffered a variety of medical problems including burning eyes, sore throats, and headaches. Their farm was located in close proximity to four gas wells, compressor stations, and a wastewater pond. However, under the \$750,000 settlement reached with Range Resources, not only were Hallowich and his wife gagged from discussing the experience, but their two children, then aged 10 and 7, were also forbidden. It is only now that the kiddie gag order has come to light and has attracted attention from around the world. I got the information from *The Guardian* of London.

The Brubaker/Haluska proposed bill is also a freedom of speech issue. EHSoP has fought hard against efforts to limit voting rights in Pennsylvania, and the proposed the "ag-gag" legislation is similarly an attempt to limit free expression. Even if one doesn't consider the need to treat farm animals humanely, I suggest we stand up for freedom of speech. [If you want to write your state representative, for those living in Center City, (PA House District 182), our state representative is Hon. Brian Sims, 21 South 12th Street, Suite 182, Philadelphia PA 19107.]

MEMORANDUM

Posted: January 24, 2013 03:01 PM
From: Representative Gary Haluska
To: All House members
Subject: Amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes; providing for interfering with agricultural operations.

In the coming weeks, I intend to introduce legislation amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes; providing for interfering with agricultural operations.

My proposed bill would seek to prohibit the recording of images or sound from an agricultural operation without the consent of the farmer or operator. It would also prohibit access to agricultural operations under false pretenses or from obtaining employment with the intent of recording images or sound from an agricultural operation. Interfering with an agricultural operation would be graded as a felony of the third degree.

Agriculture is our number-one industry and is essential to the economic development in our rural communities. It is important that we take the necessary steps to protect this sustainable resource.



Platforms (Cont'd. from page 1)

Sunday, October 27, 2013, 11:00 AM
Sex Trafficking
Hugh Organ, Director, Philadelphia Anti-Trafficking Coalition



How is "human trafficking" defined? What kinds of it occur here in Philadelphia? What can each of us do to help in the fight against human trafficking? Using specific local cases, Hugh Organ will be raising our consciousness of this noxious phenomenon.

The Philadelphia Anti-Trafficking Coalition consists of 62 agencies working together to fight human trafficking in the Philadelphia region. Hugh Organ has served on the Coalition since 2005, and in 2009 became its director. He is also Associate Executive Director of Covenant House Pennsylvania, the largest nonprofit shelter provider for runaway, homeless and trafficked youth in Philadelphia. Covenant House provides drop-in and shelter services, as well as street outreach. Hugh has also served on the PA Joint State Commission's Advisory Committee on Human Trafficking.

He obtained his Bachelor of Arts degree from Alvernia University in Reading, PA; and his Masters of Science in Criminal Justice from St. Joseph's University in Philadelphia.



Quote-Unquote

"[A]n average fossil fuel power plant turns only about one-third of the energy it uses into electricity."

-Cooler Smarter; Practical Steps for Low-Carbon Living, Union of Concerned Scientists (Island Press, 2012), p.7

Fighting For Peace

By Arnold Fishman



I will never forget a line from the show *How I Met Your Mother* that went, "Fighting for peace is like f*cking for chastity." The Friends, genteel pacifists that they are, put it more delicately. Their mantra is, "There is no way to peace. Peace is the way." We have been on a war footing for more than a decade. I was hoping that we were winding down from our longest period of hostilities, and that perhaps we had learned something from the mistakes of our recent history. When I voted for our current President, I trusted that things would be different.

I am appalled that this administration, true to the precedent set by its predecessor, is trying to stampede the American public to war. The debate over whether and who used chemical weapons is fascinating; it is, however, irrelevant. The issue is not whether chemical weapons were used and who is responsible, but what is our appropriate response. Even if we knew the what and the who of the situation, military action is misguided. Consider all of the military interventions of the USA in recent decades, and ask whether they have solved any of our problems. Is either Iraq or Afghanistan friendlier to us or better places for their people to live? There was a time when war was dangerous mainly just for soldiers. Today it is perilous to women and children, the old and the sick. The most vulnerable segments of the society pay the price of the crusade. We may call it "collateral damage," but the innocents we kill, maim and displace in our armed escapades are all people with names, lives, aspirations and those who love them.

I am not a pacifist. If we were attacked not only should we defend ourselves but also we should send a message to

all would-be aggressors as a deterrent to future belligerence. We, as the remaining superpower, are most susceptible to our own folly for self-destruction. I am sensitive to the frustration of those who correctly argue that we cannot sit around and do nothing. They maintain that the suffering of the Syrian people and the profligate disregard of international norms impel us to action. The flaw in that viewpoint is that right after 9/11 we adopted a war rather than a criminal paradigm. Osama Bin-Laden should have been indicted as an international criminal and a warrant issued for his arrest. While taking him into custody may have been impossible at the time, that time did come. How long did it take to bring Adolph Eichmann to justice, and in the interim, would it have been correct for Israel to attack Argentina?

What do we do if Assad retaliates by using chemical weapons again or strikes out against our allies? Those responsible for the gas attacks in Syria can be held accountable without the danger of another war. The lives of our sons and daughters are not to be squandered. And whom are we helping? There is good reason to believe that any successor to the present regime will be extreme jihadist Islamists; it may be Al Qaeda- or Taliban- dominated. They will be misogynous, sectarian and opposed to the modernization of their country. Without a clear partner worthy of our support, we risk a result worse than what we have. The drumbeat of war must not drown out the needs and the responsibility owed to our own citizens. The cost of a cruise missile is a million dollars. At home, we cannot find the money to shelter our homeless, feed our hungry, educate our children, nurse our ill, or repair our crumbling infrastructure. Using our finite resources where they will do some good, rather than wasting them on foreign adventures with uncertain outcomes would better serve us. Making America all that it can be for all of us is the way for us to wage the war of fighting for peace. ◇



Camp Linden 2013 Summer

By Leonard Weeks

This summer was challenging because of the weather. Frequent days filled with heavy rains or severe heat hampered implementation of the program, caused group cancellations, and even discouraged the beans and peppers from growing.

Nevertheless, an extremely creative and dedicated staff, skillfully led by Lead Counselor Hannah Reczek, rolled with the punches to produce exciting learning activities for the children. The swimming instruction was much improved by scheduling smaller groups and hiring a fully qualified swimming instructor. Shelley DePaul returned for the second year to provide her dynamic program on Lenape culture and values.

The following sampling from the camper survey indicates that the camp made a significant impact:

- 81% now want to spend more time outdoors.
- 88% enjoyed planting and harvesting.
- 89% learned how to swim better.

The weekend after camp closed, 12 Society members and friends held an overnight that included erecting and sleeping in tents, kayaking down the Brandywine, hiking the camp trails, swimming, roasting marshmallows around the camp fire, and enjoying good food and great company.

Happenings

EHSoP Stands for Public Schools



Photograph by Temma Fishman



Photograph by Betsy Lightborn

Ten members of our Society (Betsy L., Bob B., Henry P., Jeffrey D., Nick S, Nina D., Pat McG., Ron C., Sylvia M., and Temma F.) were clearly visible during the August 22 demonstration in support of the financially destitute School District of Philadelphia.

We gathered at the Comcast Center along with throngs of red-shirted teachers. We waved signs by Ron, Temma, and Nick. We joined the march that filled many blocks and circled City Hall. We cheered to those in the windows above us. Drums and chants proclaimed, "Save Our Schools." Then up Broad Street to the School Reform Commission. Our presence was strong, but the results disappointing.



Photographs in this group by Steve Bremner



So we (this time Steve B., Ken G., Betsy L., John McC., Kim McK., Irene P., Sally R., and Hugh T-M) joined a September 8 candlelight vigil at the governor's Philadelphia office. We even got on Fox News! Better yet, we were joined by our youngest members, Eliot (7) and Ben (5).



Ben said he wanted to tell the gov directly: "Remember that kids are important, very important."

Photograph by Betsy Lightborn



Announcements

**Introduction
to Ethical Humanism**
Sunday, October 6, 7:00PM



Leader Hugh Taft-Morales discusses the history and philosophy of Ethical Humanism. Members and visitors will share questions and reflections over wine and cheese. Open to the public, but please RSVP to:

LeaderHugh@phillyethics.org



**Community Circles, Mondays,
October 7 and 21, 6:00-7:00 pm**

Hugh Taft-Morales continues a series of hour-long small-group sharing experiences where each member shares their own story of their effort to live as an Ethical Humanist. These will continue on the following Mondays: 11/4, 11/18, and 12/2. While we had our first meeting in September, you can still join the group! Sessions include brief guided meditation, introduction of a topic, conversation, deep listening and appreciation. Please sign up with Hugh at LeaderHugh@phillyethics.org.

Waltz/Swing Party to benefit Camp Linden

Sponsored by the Philadelphia Chapter of the
St. John's College Alumni Society and the
Ethical Humanist Society of Philadelphia



Friday October 4, 2013
8 PM to 11 PM
Dance Instruction 7 to 8 PM

Ethical Culture Building Auditorium
1906 S. Rittenhouse Square
Philadelphia PA 19103



Live and recorded music.
Dress: Black-tie to casual.
Tuxedo T-shirts \$12 (L or XL).

\$18 per person: www.camplinden.ticketleap.com/waltzparty
\$20 per person at the door
\$15 special price for members - details below*

Price includes soft drinks and light refreshments.
Additional donation for premium beverages.

*Members of the SJC Alumni Society and EHSOP may order tickets for themselves and their guests for \$15 per person, \$10 per Tuxedo T-shirt, if received by Oct. 2. Mail to Sharon Wallis 1306 S. Reese St., Phila. PA 19147 or pay in person at EHSOP building. Please include your name, the names of your guests, and T-shirt size (L or XL), if applicable. Provide email address if you want a confirmation of your purchase prior to the event. Tickets will not be mailed. Reservations will be checked and T-shirts delivered at the door.

ADULT SEXUALITY EDUCATION WORKSHOP SERIES CONTINUES



Come to all or any of this free four-part series co-sponsored by the Ethical Humanist Society of Philadelphia and First Unitarian Church of Philadelphia, at the Ethical Society, offered by member Kimberly McKay and hosted by Hugh Taft-Morales. Please register for single sessions by emailing Kim at owl@philauu.org.



Sexuality and Aging, Sunday, October 6, 3:00-5:00PM

Sexuality evolves throughout each individual's lifespan. This workshop is designed to explore some of the unique sexuality issues and joys that adults can experience as they age: including long-term relationships, changes in partnership, physical ability, intimacy, and the effects of medication and illness. The Circles of Sexuality model was first developed to discuss sexuality for the aging adult.

Register by Sept. 30 at www.philauu.org/OWL

Sexuality and Variety: Identity, Orientation, and Behavior, Sunday, October 20, 3:00-5:00PM

Kira Manser from the LGBT Health and Capacity at the Mazzoni Center will co-facilitate with Kim. Please register by October 14 at www.philauu.org/OWL



The Art of Living October 10, 7:00-9:00 PM

“The Art of Living” Continues!
Second session: “Authenticity, defiance and right action in *Hamlet*”

Facilitated by guest C.J. Fearnley and hosted by Hugh Taft-Morales, “The Art of Living” asks us to consider the questions such as, “What is it that I should do? Who should I become? What highest value ought I aspire toward?” Prior to each meeting, participants are encouraged to read the texts, and/or watch parts of an on-line video course from Stanford. At the start of each Thursday discussion, C.J. will offer a summary of the topics, especially as they are presented in the videos.

For the October 10 session, you can access all or any of three video lectures about Shakespeare's *Hamlet* by going to the following links:

<http://vimeo.com/21214915> - “Your Worm is the only Emperor for Diet” – Landy
<http://vimeo.com/21217111> - Hamlet: Knight of Resignation - Taylor
<http://vimeo.com/21493894> - “For Hecuba! What's Hecuba to him or he to Hecuba that he should weep for her?... The Play's the Thing” - Anderson

Moral Philosophy Classes

Mondays, October 7 and 21, 7:00-8:45 PM

Free and open to the public, continuing 11/4, 11/18

Join Hugh Taft-Morales for a fun exploration of four different ethical paradigms from the Western tradition. There is no required reading, but those attending are encouraged to explore some of the discussion topics prior to each meeting. While you can attend single classes, it is recommended that you commit to the whole series as references will be made to earlier classes and discussions.



Being Good: the virtue of character

October 7, 7:00 PM

This first session will focus most on Aristotle and his concept of “the golden mean,” that mid-point one learns to reach between excess and deficiency of certain human characteristics. We will explore the concept of “goals” or “purposes” in life that come from our nature as human beings. Fulfilling that nature is, according to Aristotle, a well-lived life, one that will achieve happiness and flourishing, otherwise known as “*eudaimonia*.” We will also touch on a modern representative of virtue ethics, per philosopher [Alasdair MacIntyre](#).



Doing what we know is right: it's the principle, stupid!

October 21, 7:00PM

For our second session we will rely on Immanuel Kant's categorical, in particular his reliance on reason in determining right and wrong. We will examine different types of “deontology”– those moral theories of right and wrong that rest on “moral absolutes” that matter regardless of specific circumstance, as well as the more sterile version of Kant' categorical imperative. Contemporary perspectives might not be as narrowly focused on reason, but would prefer to emphasize obligation and duty.

Next month will focus on “Doing what feels right: the pleasure principle” (11/4) and “Caring and doing: relational ethics and Pragmatism” (11/18).



Accessibility Update

By Pat McGeever

Having trouble hearing at Platform? Ask a host for one of our remote receivers.

EHSOP will also be looking into the possibility of installing a “loop” in the auditorium. Loops make it possible for wearers of hearing aids with t-switches to hear much better when they are “in the loop.”

Later this year, a newly-forming center-city chapter of the Hearing Loss Association of America will begin holding its monthly meetings at EHSOP. HLAA is the nation's largest educational and advocacy organization for the hard-of-hearing. Society members can attend its meetings free of charge.

For further information or to get involved, please contact me at patethical@gmail.com.





Sunday, October 20, 1:30 PM
***"United States of ALEC"* by Bill Moyers**

ALEC Alert: Coming to a State
Near You



Join us in the Auditorium at the Society for a viewing of this film, produced by Moyers and Company. It is a report on the most influential corporate-funded political force most of America has never heard of: ALEC, the American Legislative Exchange Council. Hosted by the Ethical Action Committee, the film delves into how a national consortium of state politicians and powerful corporations, ALEC, presents itself as a "nonpartisan public-private partnership." But behind that mantra lies a vast network of corporate lobbying and political action aimed to increase corporate profits at public expense without public knowledge. Member Sylvia Metzler will lead a post-film discussion. The film will relate to Leader Hugh's Platform earlier that day on saving our economy from corporate takeover.

In state houses around the country, hundreds of pieces of boilerplate ALEC legislation are proposed or enacted that would, among other things, dilute collective bargaining rights, make it harder for some Americans to vote, and limit corporate liability for harm they cause to consumers, each accomplished without the public ever knowing who's behind it. One Wisconsin politician describes ALEC as "a corporate dating service for lonely legislators and corporate special interests."

"United States of ALEC" is a collaboration between Okapi Productions, LLC and the Schumann Media Center, headed by Bill Moyers, which supports independent journalism and public watchdogs, including the Center for Media and Democracy, whose investigators are featured in the report.

Pop and popcorn provided!



OPEN HOUSE SOCIAL
 AT THE
**ETHICAL HUMANIST SOCIETY
 OF PHILADELPHIA!**

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20, 6:00-7:30PM

People new to Ethical Humanism are encouraged to come to our open house social! Come meet other people interested in what it means to work together to build a more ethical world! Bring your friends to this relaxed gathering. (Ethical Society members, please e-mail Vince McKenna at vjmiii@hotmail.com if you would like to help host this event.)



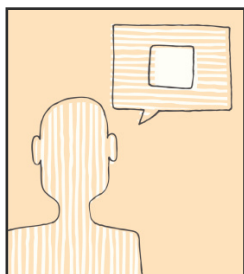
Upcoming Art Exhibition

in the
EHSoP Collier Room

Photographs
by
Bob Bueding

Mid-October through December

Ever since I was a kid photography has been a passion of mine. When I was 14 years old my parents and I were vacationing in Europe. I persuaded them to take me into Germany to purchase my first camera. Ever since then I have been taking photographs. After high school I attended The Maryland Institute of Art. I worked on a BFA in photography and graduated in June of 1969. My entire career has revolved around Photography and Graphic Arts. I have had award winning photographs published and I had an award winning photograph on display at the National Geographic in Washington DC. I specialize in artistic photography; I am not a believer in manipulating images in programs such as Photoshop. My images are composed in the viewfinder of the camera and printed as is. I am a purist in that regard. I have photographed commercial and industrial photographs as well as some weddings and Bar Mitzvahs. I love photography and always strive to take a picture that tells a story.

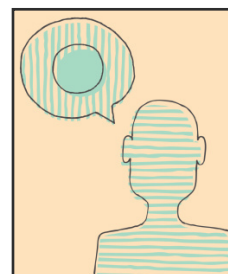


Can We Talk About Race? (...or class? ...or gender?) **Saturday, November 16, 12:00 to 4:00 PM**

A Workshop at the Ethical Humanist Society of Philadelphia
Facilitators: Diana Waters and Hugh Taft-Morales

Sign up now. . . space limited!

Free and open to the public. Donations gleefully accepted.
Registration required – email LeaderHugh@phillyethics.com to register.




This seminar-style workshop will address how marginalized people and privileged people often “talk past one another,” and will offer tools for improving the multicultural dialogue in our homes, communities and city. It is intended for people who may not have had substantial diversity training in the past, but are now committed to honing their ability and confidence to talk about race, class, and gender honestly and respectfully.

The workshop will offer opportunity for personal reflection, group sharing and dynamics, and short lectures about topics such as Critical Race Theory and Robert Blauner’s *Talking Past One Another*.

Diana Waters is a full-time faculty member at the Philadelphia Center. She has held board membership on several education funds and community organizations serving diverse populations. She has provided seminars and workshops on diversity for corporations, non-profit organizations and in public and private school settings. Diana is the president and founder of MayaMarc, Inc., a diversity consulting firm based in Philadelphia.

Hugh Taft-Morales is Leader of the Ethical Humanist Society of Philadelphia and the Baltimore Ethical Society. He taught philosophy and history for twenty-five years in Washington, D. C., where he also served as Director of Diversity and Community for five years.

October 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 Meetings 6:30 p.m. Education Committee 7:45 p.m. Ethical Action Committee	3	4 7-11:00 PM Waltz/Swing Party Camp Linden benefit	5
*6 11:00 a.m. The Inherent Worth of Everyone Hugh Taft-Morales	7 6-7:00 p.m. Community Circles	8	9 Meetings 6:30 p.m. Finance Committee 7:30 p.m. Communications Committee	10 7-9:00p.m. The Art of Living Hamlet CJ Fernley H Taft-Morales	11	12
Big Sunday - see below						
*13 11:00 a.m. Philadelphia Public Schools Rhonda Brownstein	14	15 7:00 p.m. Pennsylvanians for Alternatives to the Death Penalty Meeting	16 Meeting 6:30 p.m. EHSOP Board	17	18	19
*20 11:00 a.m. Ballots & Bucks: Democracy for Sale Hugh Taft-Morales	21 6-7:00 p.m. Community Circles Moral philosophy: What We Know Is Right H. Taft-Morales	22	23 Meeting	24  Amnesty International 7:00 p.m.	25	26
Big Sunday - see below						
*27 11:00 a.m. The Sex Trade Hugh Organ	28	29	30	31		

*Child care provided during all platforms

BIG SUNDAY: Oct. 6th

11:00 a.m.
Platform (see calendar)

1:30pm.
Communications-
Website Brainstorming

3:00-5:00 p.m.
Sexuality and Aging
Kimberly McKav

7:00 p.m.
Intro to Ethical Humanism

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS



October 1 Carol Kaufmann
October 5 Jeffrey Dubb
October 14 Doris Leicher
October 16 David Collier

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Ethical Society Open House

NOVEMBER HEADS UP

4th - 9:30 am - Society-wide Community mtg

16th - 12-4:00pm - Can we talk about race?
Diana Waters
Hugh Taft-Morales.

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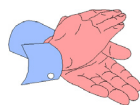
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SUNDAY SERVICES

Hosts - Coordinated by Nick Sanders



October 6 - Temma & Arnold Fishman;
Linda Richardson

October 13 - Garry O'Rourke and Joel
Benjamin

October 20 - Harry Thorne and Leslie
Williams

October 27 - John McCormick and Nina
Diamond Sanders



Flowers Coordinated
by David Ralston

Oct. 6 - Nick Sanders: Celebrating
another year with Molly Sayvetz

Oct. 13 - TBA

Oct. 20 - Bob Bueding: For a Special
Friend

Oct. 27 - Garry O'Rourke: In honor of
my mother's 90th birthday

Coffee Hour, Coordinated by
Ken Greiff



(Alphabetically by last
name)

October 6 - Group A-E

October 13 - Group F-K

October 20 - Group L-O

October 27 - Group P-Z

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