



# Ethical Views



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## Sunday Platforms November 2013



**Sunday, November 3, 11:00 AM**  
*Freethinkers, Faithists, and Atheists: Mapping Non-Believers*  
**Hugh Taft-Morales, Leader, Ethical Humanist Society of Philadelphia**

According to a 2012 Pew survey about religious affiliation, the fastest-growing group in the U. S. is the one claiming no religion at all. As a result, a wide spectrum of organizations, from humanist to skeptic to atheist, are scrambling to attract some of these 33 million people. How do we make sense of the diversity of alternatives to traditional religion? What does Ethical Humanism offer that is unique and important? How can we help give direction to the many people now swimming in humanist seas?

**Sunday, November 10, 11:00 AM**  
*Beyond Morality to Ethical Living*  
**Richard Kiniry, Leader Emeritus, Ethical Humanist Society of Philadelphia**



Morality is often seen as a list of right or wrong behaviors but Ethical Culture/Ethical Humanism offers another approach to right and/or wrong. We often have to step out of the culturally accepted morality to do what we believe is right. But what principle or value can we use to guide us to our true ethical selves? After accepting a principle by which to live, when we are confronted with a problem, can that principle turn around to judge our ongoing behavior? Do we have the courage to change long-standing behavior?

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Richard Kiniry is Leader Emeritus of the Ethical Humanist Society of Philadelphia, retiring in 2011. He spent his college years in a Catholic seminary, raised chickens in

India with the Peace Corps, and had his own stained glass business for many years. Mr. Kiniry is a graduate of, among other institutions, the Humanist Institute and the training program of the Ethical Culture Movement. He is also the former Director of Camp Linden. He continues to serve the Ethical Culture Movement in a variety of capacities, including training Ethical Culture leaders of the future.

**Sunday, November 17, 11:00 AM**  
*A Humanist Thanksgiving*  
**Hugh Taft-Morales, Leader, Ethical Humanist Society of Philadelphia**

A brief service will be led by HTM, followed by a pitch-in dinner in the Assembly Room.

Please bring shekels:10 if also bringing a dish, 15 if not. Caloric details, etc., on p. 6.

**Sunday, November 24, 11:00 AM**  
*Say the Dirty Word: Socialism*  
**Joseph Schwartz, PhD, Professor of Political Science, Temple University**

Joseph Schwartz argues that unless we reintroduce into mainstream American politics the socialist principles of social rights, public goods, and democratic control over investment, we will fail to redress the rampant inequality brought about by unrestrained neoliberal market capitalism. Immigrants and low-wage workers organizing for dignity on the job will be one key strategy for achieving justice for all. However, absent universal public provision of high-quality child care, healthcare, and old-age income security, we will fail to achieve the equality of life opportunities central to democratic citizenship. And in light of the ecological crisis and the shortage of good jobs, we will need to make public investments in alternative energy, mass transit, and infrastructure. This can only be financed by restoring progressivity to our tax system. Mainstream

political elites, both conservative and Democratic, will deem these policies undesirable or impossible, simply because they are socialist. But until the American public is willing to say "So what if they're socialist?" we're unlikely to see a reversal in the growth of inequality that empowers the few and marginalizes the many.

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Dr. Schwartz is Professor and former chair of Political Science at Temple University where he teaches political theory and American politics, and directs the Intellectual Heritage program. He is the winner of several university teaching awards. His most recent book, *The Future of Democratic Equality:Reconstructing Social Solidarity in a Fragmented United States* (Routledge, 2009) recently won the American Political Science Association's David Easton prize for the best recent book in political theory. His current work in progress is a book on the past and future of socialism. ◇



**Current Art Exhibition**  
in the Collier Room  
**Photography by Bob Bueding**

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## Leader's Column



### Notes from *Shutdown City*

Hugh Taft-Morales

Most of you know that while you see me at work in Philly, I live inside the Washington, D. C. beltway. As a result I felt the impact of the federal government shutdown in very concrete ways. To begin with, my wife Maureen was furloughed. An analyst for the Library of Congress, she was sent home as “non-essential.” (How demeaning! I told her she was very essential and made her breakfast in bed her first day home.)

In addition, my yoga studio was suddenly very crowded. Barred from the office, many public servants took advantage of the \$10 special for federal workers offered by Willow Street Yoga. A nice gesture, for sure, but my yoga peace-of-mind mood was disturbed by having mats so close that limbs collided through various flows and postures. My son, a rock-climbing instructor, has lost business due to the closure of local cliffs on federal land by the Potomac River. My sister-in-law, who works for a firm with government contracts, is facing potential cuts in salary and health insurance.

We are some of the luckier ones, however, fortunate enough to be able to ride out the shutdown. Others, more dependent on weekly paychecks and government services, are really feeling the pinch. Add to all this the near constant “blame game” broadcast by the media, each party pointing fingers while the world snickers at this “city upon a hill” blundering its way into oblivion, and, well, let’s just say, it wasn’t a great week for America, for D. C., or for me.

To get some relief from all this, Maureen and I took an out-of-town guest, who was denied access to the many monuments of our nation’s capitol for an alternative evening of

fun. We went to see the Capitol Steps, a musical satire troupe that proudly puts the “mock” back into democracy. It came a welcome relief from the travesty that was unfolding daily under the dome. Laughing at the parodies of our elected leaders felt like a dose of sweet playful revenge.



Washington, D.C.

A writer with Capitol Steps, Elaina Newport, was puzzled when hearing that “nonessential personnel” were sent home. She asked, “So why is Congress still here?” The Executive Branch was not spared either. One cast member pointed out that, “Joe Biden was really bummed that the White House tours were canceled; now he’ll *never* get into the West Wing.” One of my favorite skits had Paul Ryan leading a rendition of the Beach Boys classic “Fun, Fun, Fun” a Tea Party tune with the chorus “De-fund, Fund, Fund till Congress takes Obamacare away.”

Over the past week I have, like many of you, also found relief from the *Daily Show* or *The Colbert Report*, as when Colbert officiated a marriage on late night TV for a young couple whose planned wedding was shut out of federal land. Some of you might have enjoyed the partisan barbs, as when Jon Stewart suggested, “If Obama can negotiate with Iran, maybe he’s not the problem.”

What is the problem? Is there a sincere battle going on over political philosophy? Have our public servants have lost their minds? Or is this a symptom of a disease running through our government, a disease that is deeper and more insidious than a simple shutdown, that at the time of this writing is reaching a fortnight? I am worried that it may be the latter. Let me explain why.

Just this past Tuesday, October 8, I joined a protest in front to the Supreme Court organized by a number of groups working to get money out of politics. As I listened to speeches in front of the court, my back turned to the Capitol, the irony was clear. Here we all were

at the heart of a government that had just stopped funding itself, while inside the Court chambers a case was being heard that just might further open the tap for private funding of campaigns by private business interests. Money for the many, no! Cash for campaigns, sure!

As I will explain in greater detail at a platform later this month, but before publication of this newsletter, in the land of campaign finance reform things may soon go from bad to worse. I will discuss how many people are under the misperception that Citizens United opened cash flow from corporations to candidates without limit. That’s not true. Citizens United only allowed unlimited donations to PACs; there were still limits to individual candidates. That will not be the case, however, if the Court rules in favor of Shaun McCutcheon, a CEO of Coalmont Electrical Development. If he wins, most of us lose. If he wins, money will talk loud and clear, as the aggregate limit on donations to candidates would be dropped.

A key problem is that when money is at stake, people often lose their perspective. Greed is a powerful drug that can blind people to old-fashioned virtues like stewardship, duty, and civic pride. Is it possible that there is simply so much money to be made by influencing government that Washington has become the *commercial* capital of the world? Markets around the globe are watching how we manage the shutdown; every move we make has a ripple effect. No longer is the trust of the public the most treasured asset of our democracy. It seems to be reduced to the bottom line.

Then why is the federal government seemingly unable to stay open? If moneyed interests are in control, shouldn’t they demand that the trains keep running on time? Apparently billions of dollars have been lost left and right due to the shutdown. This, I am afraid, is where the extreme Tea Party folks come into the picture.

There are perhaps some legitimate gripes in all the Tea Party posturing,

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*(Leader's Column continued)*

some that they even share with their liberal counterweight, the now nearly invisible Occupy Movement. But rational debate has been eclipsed by a nearly incessant chant begun by Reagan: the government is the problem. Well, if you believe this, and you *are* the government, then it is relatively easy to prove yourself correct: just *be* the problem. Those who want to prove that the federal government is incompetent just have to get into the federal government and *be* incompetent. Is that what has happened?

I will explore this and more in my last October platform entitled *Ballots and Bucks*, but I wonder whether by the time November rolls around and you read this, will the shutdown even be over? Will the debt limit crisis be settled? Or will we continue to be the laughing stock of the world about something that we really shouldn't be laughing about?

I hope we find our way out of this mess. Perhaps we need to start by promoting more public participation in the process. Money pouring into politics doesn't seem to have helped matters much, so maybe our closer attention is needed. If a small group of extremists can bring our government to its knees, maybe we need more people invested in the process. There is such a thing as "people power," if we are bold enough to wield it. As one sign read on the steps of the Supreme Court, "If the 99% vote, the 1% won't matter." And, if the 99% vote, maybe our government will stay open for the people's business!



**Quote-Unquote**

% of public school teachers spending their own money on school supplies last year: 99.5

Average amount they spent: \$485

-Harper's Index, Sept. 2013

***Trouble in Paradise***

***By Temma Fishman***

Where can you find 1.1 million acres of largely pristine, heavily-forested land in the most highly-developed state in our country, land born twelve thousand

years ago at the end of the last Ice Age after the ocean retreated, leaving sandy soils behind? Beneath these soils, flow 17 trillion gallons of pure, fresh water, one of the largest aquifers in the country and enough to bury the state in water six feet deep. This aquifer sustains plants, animals and humans where it forms streams, bogs, wetlands and well water for thousands.

Living in these forests are the endangered timber rattlesnake, the northern pine snake, rare orchids, and carnivorous plants such as the jack-in-the-pulpit, pitcher plant, and sundew. Rare pygmy pitch pines, Atlantic cedar and oaks live here, among others. Much of the life here is rare, threatened or endangered, and all is elegantly adapted to the unique conditions in this sanctuary. It is one of the last strongholds on Earth for the rare tree frog.

This, of course, is the New Jersey Pinelands, the largest undeveloped area between Massachusetts and Virginia and surrounded by 20 million people. It occupies the southern coastal plain of New Jersey and offers all of us open space, pure water, clean air and a refuge from crowded city and suburban life.

To preserve its ecology, in 1978, Congress declared the New Jersey Pine Barrens the Pinelands National Reserve, our first national reserve. A decade later, it was defined as an International Biosphere Reserve. Development here is supposed to be strictly controlled by an independent state and federal agency, the New Jersey Pinelands Commission.

Its mission is "to preserve, protect, and enhance the natural and cultural resources of the Pinelands National Reserve, and to encourage compatible

economic and other human activities consistent with that purpose." The Pinelands Commission operates under the mandate of a Comprehensive Management Plan (CMP), which echoes this charge.

So one must wonder why the Pinelands Commission is considering granting permission to South Jersey Gas to install a pipeline through this pristine, precious land. Already, half of the Pinelands has been lost to development while the rest of it is endangered from the pressure of off-road vehicles, further development and now this.

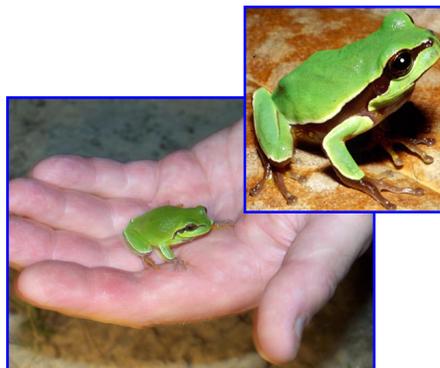
Forbidden under the CMP, a variance would have to be granted to allow the pipeline, whose purpose is to carry fracked liquid gas to re-power the B. L. England Power Plant in Beesley Point in Cape May County. The pipeline would be 24 inches in diameter, and 22 miles long, 15 miles of which would run through forest area. In some places, it would be sunk 60 feet deep, where it would run under two ponds, a river, a creek and wetlands.

Since this project is a violation of the CMP, why should the Pinelands Commission allow it? Why should the Governor approve it? Does it benefit the Pinelands and those dependent upon it? It is not reasonable to assume that in its lifetime it will never rupture, crack or leak and spill its poison into the pure Kirkwood-Cohansey Aquifer, which is the source of drinking water for wildlife and thousands of people. We cannot expect that the increasingly fragile Pinelands will be safe. Google "pipeline incidents or accidents" and view the horrible list that emerges.

One must also wonder why the Pinelands Commission is refusing to hear testimony about the environmental impact from a restoration ecologist, Kevin Heatley, who has offered his services free of charge.

Profit is not enough for us to risk certain damage to a national treasure that once lost can never be restored. The damage wrought by construction alone, even if all goes right, will cause irreparable harm. There are other ways to get power

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*Trouble in Paradise (Cont'd. from page 3)*

to the B.L. England Power Plant, some using sustainable, alternative fuels. There are pipeline routes that would avoid the Pinelands.

A treasure unlike any other has been entrusted to the Pinelands Commission and to all of us to protect for our children and those who will follow them. The pitch pines, orchids, sundew, tree frogs, all creatures of the Pinelands and all who care about them cry out for protection. Hear their pleas and say "No" to the pipeline. The Pinelands sustain us body and soul and could be lost forever at the stroke of a pen.

If you have questions about this issue or want to attend meetings to express your concerns, visit the New Jersey Pinelands Commission's website, [www.state.nj.us/pinelands/](http://www.state.nj.us/pinelands/) and the Pinelands Preservation Alliance at [www.pinelandsalliance.org](http://www.pinelandsalliance.org) to learn about the effects of the pipeline and what you can do.



## Happenings

### Hosting a "Safeguarding the Vote" Forum

On Wednesday, September 25, the Ethical Society hosted a forum on the various legislative and administrative moves to suppress voting in discriminatory ways. The forum included presentations by representatives of six Pennsylvania nonprofits and was organized and moderated by Kay Kyungsun Yu of the Southeastern Pennsylvania Chapter of Americans for Democratic Action. Leader Hugh welcomed the panel and approximately 70 in the audience, and invited them to attend his "Ballots for Bucks" platform on October 20.



Voting Forum Questioner. Photo by Numa St. Louis

## Messages

Message from Marta Guttenberg

### To All Users of the Kitchen: Keep it Clean

Philadelphia recycles, and so do we. If you use the kitchen, please place clean paper, cardboard, rinsed glass, plastic and metal cans, bottles, and containers in the blue Recycle Bin under the side counter. Don't place paper towels, food or food traces in the Recycle Bin. Use the covered trash can near the center island for all non-recyclables.



Also please be considerate of other users. Leave the kitchen counters and floor clean. Bearing in mind that we have no linen service, please launder dish towels and/or donate some!

Message from Pat McGeever



### Accessibility Update

Regarding the possibility of "looping" the auditorium, Chip Hilger of East Coast Looping has visited once to do an acoustical evaluation, and as we go to print is scheduled to come again to complete that evaluation. If the space is suitable, he will give us an estimate.

On Thursday, November 7 at 6:30 PM, the newly-forming Center-City Philly chapter of HLAA, Hearing Loss Assn. of America, the nation's largest organization for education, information, advocacy and self-help for hard-of-hearing people, will take place in the Weston Room. We will be using a portable loop on loan from other chapters. This could open a second possibility for looping at the Society. Come join us and learn more.

So what is a loop? It is a wire run around the perimeter of a room or smaller area and attached to a microphone or microphones. Anyone inside that loop, if they have a t-switch ("t" for telecoil) on their hearing aids, simply presses it and hears much, much better. Anyone contemplating buying hearing aids should make sure they include a t-switch!

## Announcements



### Sunday, November 3

9:30 AM

#### Society-wide Community Meeting

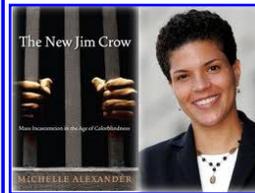
All Society members and other frequent attendees are invited to this "Society-wide Community" meeting. We will start planning for parties, celebrations, and other festive occasions for the rest of our program year (Nov. - June), as well as considering other community-building activities. Spoiler Alert! The meeting is on the first day of time change, but those attending the first 15 minutes will get a special treat to eat with coffee!



Photo by Nick Sanders

12:30 PM

#### "Mass Incarceration is the new Jim Crow"



Consider attending a "Teach-In" inspired by Michelle Alexander from 12:30 to

4:30 p.m. at the Unitarian Society of Germantown, 6511 Lincoln Drive, Philadelphia, PA, 19119. Our Leader Hugh Taft-Morales will be part of a panel discussion about redirecting public funds from prisons to constructive opportunities for all people. For more information contact: The Ending Racism Committee, USG, or [Tanmari27@gmail.com](mailto:Tanmari27@gmail.com)

7:00 PM

#### Introduction to Ethical Humanism



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](mailto:leaderhugh@phillyethics.org).

# Moral Philosophy!

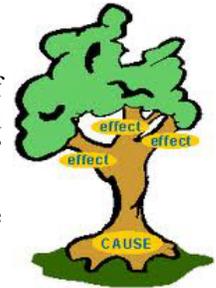
## Mondays, 7:00-8:45 PM

Join Hugh Taft-Morales for the last two of four explorations of 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.

**Monday, November 4, 7:00PM**

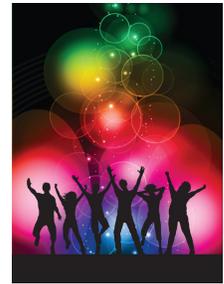
### Doing What Feels Right: The Pleasure Principle

Our third class will explore an intuitive, appealing and popular approach to the ethics: the belief that what matters is the *result* of our actions. Categorized as “consequentialism,” this broad array of approaches may differ about what result is a good one, but they agree that “character” and “principle” matter little if we do not approve of the *effects* of such character and principles. Dominating this perspective is utilitarianism, a philosophy promoting the greatest good for the greatest number. We will discuss Jeremy Bentham and J. S. Mill’s pursuit of pleasure.



**Monday, November 18, 7:00 PM, Caring and Doing:  
Relational Ethics and Pragmatism**

Our final evening of moral philosophy will examine some alternative approaches to ethics, including systems that emphasize the importance of relationship over self-interest or sacrifice. What can we learn from classical Hegelian philosophy, more contemporary approaches to the “ethics of care,” and critiques by the likes of Carol Gilligan? Might beginning with connections instead of autonomy offer us better ethics? We will also explore what ethics is in a pragmatic light, and examine some of the perspectives of William James, Jane Adams, and John Dewey. Concluding this way reminds us that the conversation continues.



## The Art of Living



**Thursday, November 14, 7:00-9:00 PM, The Art of Living: The Paradoxes of Faith and Existence in Kierkegaard**

Facilitated by guest C.J. Fearnley and hosted by Hugh Taft-Morales, “The Art of Living” asks us to consider the questions such as, “Who shall I be? How do I become? What highest value ought I aspire toward? What is the end and aim of life?”

This month’s discussion will explore implications for our *Art of Living* gleaned from “Fear and Trembling” by Søren Aabye Kierkegaard (1813-1855). What does Kierkegaard think the biblical story of Abraham and Isaac teaches us about the paradoxes of faith and of existence? What does Kierkegaard say about the role of *faith* in our lives? What can we learn from him about addressing the problem and the project of our lives? For you personally, what is the role of the paradoxes of faith and existence in your life? How do these values fit into your *art of living*?

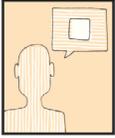
For this installment it is recommended that you first watch the videos to get an overview of this complex and difficult text, *Fear and Trembling*. If you have time, also read the 100-page text.

For the videos go to the following links:

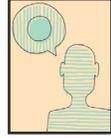
<http://vimeo.com/21814832> “Abraham is the Knight of Faith: Faith versus Love, Morals, and Reason Itself” by R. Lanier Anderson

<http://vimeo.com/21501948> “Was it so Easy a Matter not to be Mistaken?” by Joshua Landy

<http://vimeo.com/21997913> “Abraham is the Knight of Faith: On the Roles of Reason and Faith” by Kenneth Taylor



## Can We Talk About Race?



(...or class? ...or gender?)

Saturday, November 16  
12:00 to 4:00 PM

Do you ever feel awkward speaking candidly about issues of race, class, or gender? Would you like to learn how to communicate more effectively about multicultural issues? Do you want to help the Ethical Humanist Society be as welcoming as possible to all people? If you answered "YES" to any of these questions, please register for a great free workshop:

Facilitator: Diana Waters  
Host: Hugh Taft-Morales  
Free and open to the public.  
Donations gratefully accepted.  
Registration required – email [LeaderHugh@phillyethics.org](mailto:LeaderHugh@phillyethics.org) 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.

Diana Waters is a full-time faculty member at the Philadelphia Center and has provided seminars and workshops on diversity for corporations, non-profit organizations and in public and private school settings.



**Attention all  
Thankful People!**  
**Jump the gun on Sunday, November 17,  
11:00 AM**

Our Humanist Thanksgiving will take place on the early side. We will have a short program led by Leader Hugh Taft-Morales in the auditorium, then retire to the Assembly room for a buffet-style meal. Temma and Carol will be signing folks up for all the ordinary fixin's: veggies, potatoes, sweet potatoes, cranberries, stuffing, cornbread, mac and cheese, tofurkey, and desserts like pumpkin pie. Carol will again cook the turkeys. Be sure not to miss it: it has always been one of the highlights of our year, and now we have Hugh on the guitar! Please bring \$15 to contribute, or \$10 and some food to share. Hugh is also seeking volunteers to share 1-2 minute statements about what they are most thankful for. Please email him by November 10 at [LeaderHugh@phillyethics.com](mailto:LeaderHugh@phillyethics.com) if you can help.

## Sunday, Dec. 8, after Platform, Decorate the Tree of Knowledge in our Lobby

Come help decorate, around 12:15 PM! We join our friends from the Freethought Society for this celebration of openness, freedom of conscience, and knowledge. Everyone is welcome!

Tree of Knowledge history: From 2007-2009, Margaret Downey and the Freethought Society worked to assure that the Chester County Courthouse's holiday display was as inclusive as possible. They shared a "Tree of Knowledge," decorated with freethought, humanist and skeptic books, to go alongside Christian, Jewish and Santa installations. Then the Chester County Commissioners decided: Santa in, freethought out. Since then, we've invited the tree in to cheer up our lobby!



In past years the books included Felix Adler, Arthur Dobrin, W. E.B. Du Bois and Ed Ericson; classic works by Charles Darwin, Robert Ingersoll, Thomas Paine, Bertrand Russell, and Elizabeth Cady Stanton; classic books by multiple authors such as the Bible and the Koran; and contemporary writings of Karen Armstrong, Daniel Dennett, Judith Hayes, Susan Jacoby, Barry Lynn, Dale McGowan, Salman Rushdie, Carl Sagan and Ann Druyan.

If you would like to include your favorite inspirational non-theist book, bring it or two color copies of its front cover in to Hugh. **He encourages you to pick one that is a good example of humanist wisdom and has a colorful cover! If you want it included on this year's tree, please get it to him no later than November 17<sup>th</sup> so he can get it copied and laminated.** The Tree of Knowledge decorating party will follow Hugh's platform address about the importance of books, learning, and freethought in our humanist tradition.

## Upcoming Service Auction Items

For Members Only: Leader to Devote Platform to Topic of Member's Choice!



Leader Hugh says:  
**Name your Platform!** Highest bidder gets to choose a Platform topic on which Hugh would speak during 2014! You can choose just about any topic you like: "The Art of Flower Arranging;" "Violence and Sports;" "Your Inner Gandhi;" "The Odd & Unusual About Ethical Culture Leaders." You name it! Start thinking and bid high. We already have a \$30 bid for this opportunity, and I think this bidder is ready to take almost everyone on! Let's have some action with this one!" Deadline: 6:00 PM, Sunday, November 24.

Other great opportunities:

\* Dec. 25, 5:00 PM "Christmas Caroling and Cocktails" at the home of Doris Dabrowski in University City. \$20.

\* Mutually agreeable time and place: "Teaching Reading via Choral Technique (especially for grandchildren)" with Dr. Bob Kay. \$10 per hour.

\* Mutually agreeable time and place: "Cat Care ... Cat Manicure/ Pedicure ... Dog Walking" by Marta Guttenberg. \$5 per unit.

\* Saturday afternoon in early February (African-American History Month): "African Dinner" by select members of the Bertha Waters' family. \$25



"Bid" on these by notifying Nick Sanders at [Nick@phillyethics.org](mailto:Nick@phillyethics.org).

BID

# November 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<b>3</b> BIG SUNDAY-See below <i>Freethinkers, Faithists and Atheists</i> Hugh Taft-Morales	<b>4</b> 7:00 PM Doing What Feels Right H. Taft-Morales	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> <b>Meetings</b> 6:30 p.m. Education Committee 7:45 p.m. Ethical Action Committee	<b>7</b> 6:30 PM Hearing Loss Philly P. McGeever	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>*10</b> 11:00 a.m. <i>Saving Ethical Humanism</i> Richard Kiniry	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 7:00 p.m. <i>Pennsylvanians for Alternatives to the Death Penalty Meeting</i>	<b>13</b> <b>Meeting</b> 6:30 p.m. Finance Committee	<b>14</b> 7-9:00p.m. <i>The Art of Living Kierkegaard</i> CJ Fernley	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> 12-4:00 PM Can We Talk About Race? Etc.? Diana Waters
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<b>*24</b> 11:00 a.m. <i>The Dirty Word</i> Joseph Schwartz	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>
*Child care provided during all platforms						

## BIG SUNDAY: Nov. 3rd

9:30 AM - Society-wide  
Community Mtg.

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

12:30 PM  
Mass Incarceration: The New  
Jim Crow (6511 Lincoln Dr.)

7:00 p.m.  
Intro to Ethical Humanism

## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS



November 1 Bob Bueding  
November 7 Irene Putzer  
November 21 Linda Richardson  
November 29 Howard Peer

## DECEMBER HEADS UP

*Sunday - 8th*  
12:15 PM  
Decorate the Tree of  
Knowledge

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**SUNDAY SERVICES**



**Hosts** - Coordinated by Nick Sanders

November 3 - Terry Martin-Murley, Lyle Murley, Sylvia Metzler

November 10 - Garry O'Rourke, Bob Bueding

November 17 - Sandy and Bill Coffey, Christian Hayden

November 24 - Steve Bremner, Betsy Lightbourn



**Flowers** Coordinated  
by David Ralston

November 3 - The Fishmans, "In celebration of our grandson Robin's 4th birthday."

November 10 - Happy Anniversary to Lyle Murley and Terry Martin Murley.

November 17 - Vince Russo : "For the unification of mankind."

November. 24 - T.B.A.



**Coffee Hour**, Coordinated by Ken Greiff

(Alphabetically by last name)

November 3 - Group A-E

November 10 - Group F-K

November 17 - Group L-O

November 24 - Group P-Z

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