



Ethical Views



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Sunday Platforms

Ethical education classes for 5 to 12 year olds during Platform on first and last Sundays of the month.

Sunday, February 7, 11:00 AM
Throwaway Culture: The Excess of Consumerism
Hugh Taft-Morales, Leader, Ethical Humanist Society of Philadelphia



In the United States we have a “throwaway culture.” Our relative wealth, cheap overseas labor, and a ravenous appetite for quick profits have combined to bring out the worst of capitalism. It leads to wasteful economics and more environmental degradation. Worst of all, as Barry Schwartz, the guest for our February 8 edition of *Capitalism in Crisis**, argues, it doesn’t make our lives better. While millions of people living near landfills and dumps scavenge anything of value from the trash we discard, Hugh Taft-Morales will ask, “Can’t we come up with a better way to live?”

(*The 2016 *Ethics on the Square* is an eight-part new series, *Capitalism in Crisis*)

At our Sunday Platform Feb 7, member Sylvia Metzler will receive the Mandela Award from the Bernadette Marie Cronin and Lawrence Geller, Social Justice Fund.

Sunday, February 14, 11:00 AM
A Jew in the Muslim World
Jacob Bender, Director, CAIR-Philadelphia

Jacob Bender will speak about his decades-long involvement in the Muslim World, and his work as the Executive Director of the Philadelphia Chapter of CAIR – Council on American Islamic Relations.



Jacob Bender is a peace activist and filmmaker, the Executive Director of CAIR-Philadelphia, the first non-Muslim, and Jewish, head of a Muslim organization in the US.

Sunday, February 21, 11:00 AM
The Press, Lies and Politics
Hugh Taft-Morales, Leader, Ethical Humanist Society of Philadelphia

With another presidential campaign in high gear, the public is again being tested by the best-paid “spin-doctors” in the world. Candidates are coached to speak out of both sides of their mouths telling prospective supporters what they want to hear. The media are generally more interested in sensationalism than truth. As a fog of promises, lies, and hyperbole descends on us all, how can voters sort through the many stump speeches in order to become responsible citizens? Can we demand transparency and honesty in politics?

Sunday, February 28, 11:00 AM
The Web We Weave: The Need for Intersectionality in the 21st Century Justice Movements
Bishop Dwayne Royster, Executive Director of POWER



Photo by Betsy Lightbourn

Dr. Martin Luther King suggested in his book, *Letter from a Birmingham Jail* that, “We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny.” Somehow we have lost sight of this in modern movements that are often in silos and in competition with one another for resources. Bishop Dwayne Royster will bring a message to suggest that the only way we can win on justice issues, in the age of Citizen’s United and uncontrolled spending by business interests, is when we choose

to not work in silos but embrace the desire to Build the Beloved Community for all people.

A son of Philadelphia, Bishop Royster has pastored churches in Philadelphia area for more than 2 decades. In 2004, Bishop Dwayne D. Royster along with a group of believers founded Living Water United Church of Christ located in the Oxford Circle section of Philadelphia.

In addition to his pastoral responsibilities, Bishop Royster is the General Secretary of Higher Ground Christian Fellowship International and serves on the College of Bishops. He is the Executive Director of POWER; An Interfaith Movement, Pennsylvania’s largest faith-based organizing movement of 65 congregations largely of Christian, Jewish and Muslim faith traditions (of which the Ethical Society is a member), working for Justice in Pennsylvania and beyond, and is a former Councilman at Large for the City of Norristown, Pa.

Bishop Royster is a graduate of Geneva College’s Center for Urban Theological Studies with a Bachelor of Science in Urban Ministry, as well as Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia with a Master of Arts in Religion Degree with a specialization in the African-American Church. ◇

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Leader's Column



Ethical Economics and News from the Ethical Culture Movement

Hugh Taft-Morales

This month's column consists of two parts: some comments about the exciting 2016 *Ethics on the Square* series and some updates from the national Ethical Culture movement.

Ethical Economics

In an effort to contribute to creating a more ethical economic system, I have organized an eight-part series of engaging ethical explorations called *Capitalism in Crisis*. Along with our co-sponsor organizations – the Fox School of Business at Temple University and the Sustainable Business Network of Great Philadelphia – the Ethical Humanist Society hopes to bring together consumers, business leaders, engaged citizens and entrepreneurs to learn and exchange views about building a more ethical economic system, and to foster responsible public discussion about the ethical ramifications of economic policy.

I have often argued that the excesses of capitalism threaten both the moral framework and the economic sustainability of our country. An overemphasis on short-term profits reduces investment in American workers and motivates companies to cut corners and take unnecessary risks. Ethical entrepreneurs, engaged consumers, and rational activists have to work together to encourage alternative ways of doing business and to use practices that are both socially responsible and profitable.

Informed citizens can influence government to make decisions about spending, regulation and economic development that promote good jobs, responsible land use, and affordable, livable cities. Even you, the educated consumer, can influence businesses to operate cleanly and sustainably, treat employees fairly, and contribute to their communities! Company owners and

business leaders can practice ethical sourcing and production, and hire and develop employees with an eye toward providing opportunities for the disadvantaged and improving the well-being of all. *Capitalism in Crisis* will seek rational approaches to these challenges that both address the needs of society and respect the role of business in creating growth.

It will be my responsibility to introduce, interview, and moderate discussions with individuals from a wide variety of backgrounds. Our spring season begins on Monday, February 8 at 7:00 PM, and features Prof. Barry Schwartz, a nationally renowned professor of psychology at Swarthmore College and past speaker at EHSOP, who will discuss "The Paradox of Consumer Choice." We'll explore how the over-abundance of choice distracts us from those things we truly value. I will ask Prof. Schwartz to explain how businesses should better balance the need for growth against what's best for customers in our advertising-saturated culture.

In March, Alexander Garvin, President and CEO of AGAPublicRealmStrategists, Inc., a planning and design firm in New York, who has held prominent positions in five New York City administrations, will discuss "The Ethics of Shrinking Social Spending and What to Do About It." In April I will welcome my brother, John Taft, to the stage. As CEO of RBC Wealth Management and former Chairman of the Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association, John will address what he sees as most important to the ethics of the financial services industry: a return to the ethic of "stewardship," defined as "the responsible management of what others have entrusted to our care." In May I welcome Jamie Gauthier, Executive Director of the Sustainable Business Network, a 400+ member business organization working to build a just, green and thriving economy in the Greater Philadelphia region. She will address "The Environment and Economics – Local, Sustainable and Self-Reliant."

We will have four other guests in the fall. Temple University Television (TUTV) will be filming the series for cable broadcast

at a later date. If you are interested in promoting this important series, please speak to me right away.

News from the Ethical Culture Movement

For those of you who don't know, I am very involved in the American Ethical Union, (AEU, Ethical Culture's federating body), and the National Leaders Council, (the equivalent of our clergy group). I offer you some informal updates about various projects in which I am involved.

Let me start by saying how excited I am about our 2016 AEU Annual Assembly in St. Louis. Following the theme of "The arc of history that bends toward justice," the first day of the Assembly will focus internally on capacity building in our movement, while the second day will be outwardly directed at racial justice. We hope to encourage attendance by people in the larger St. Louis community. If you haven't attended an AEU Assembly yet, I recommend you consider a trip to the heartland in July!

Later in the summer there's an opportunity to participate in something that transformed my relationship with Ethical Culture: Lay Leadership Summer School (LLSS). Attending the 2006 Summer School in the beautiful hills of North Carolina cemented my future as an Ethical Culture Leader. The intensive, challenging and deeply rewarding week-long experience with other committed Ethical Humanists inspired me not only to become a Leader, but also to serve on the LLSS staff in 2012, 2014, and now again in 2016.

I urge you to consider attending this summer, from August 13-20. You will have the opportunity to build connections and a shared sense of purpose; expand your understanding of Ethical Culture history, philosophy and future; stimulate reflection; and improve as a leader, decision maker, problem solver and celebrations creator. Look for that application form coming soon to an Ethical Society near you!

Graduate of the 2014 LLSS, Kate LaClair, used her experience to become the new chair of the AEU Ethical Action

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Committee. There Katie supports me in my production of the *Ethical Action Report* which comes out 8 times per year, as well as Ethical Action Feature articles that appear in the AEU newsletter *Dialogue* which comes out four times per year. Both publications are available at AEU.org.

In general, the national Ethical Action Committee that Kate chairs helps educate the AEU, Societies and the public on how to promote personal moral development and social responsibility through direct assistance, social action and public advocacy. In particular, it tries to coordinate movement-wide responses to social justice challenges. It encourages projects that reflect Ethical Culture values, including: the importance of inherent human worth, potential, relationships, and community; the long-term goal of social transformation; a conviction to work together with other groups where we can agree; and the importance of reason.

In consultation with the clergy group of our movement, the National Leaders Council, (NLC), the AEU has focused our activist efforts in a few areas in recent years. They include expanding LGBTQ rights and marriage equality, economic justice, reforming criminal justice, combating money and power in politics, and supporting the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals.

As vice-president of the NLC, I attend occasional Board meetings of the AEU. In December I gave an update of some of the main projects of the Leaders' group. One is a restructuring of the purpose and program of the Leaders' three annual in-person meetings, which will be supported by virtual business meetings via Podio, (an online social collaboration tool), a couple of times during the year.

The summer in-person NLC meeting will emphasize continuing education – for the Leaders, for the Leaders-in-Training, and to a degree for the movement as a whole, as it would immediately precede the AEU Assembly. The fall NLC meeting will focus on planning for the movement, with an emphasis on planning the next Assembly and supporting the priorities and projects of the AEU Board and the

Executive Director. The winter/spring NLC meeting will focus on Leader retreat and renewal. Personally, I am looking forward to this winter's retreat as I could use some renewal!!!

With that, until next time, I bid you adieu.



Eric Clausen and Richard Kiniry

The Society has had a Kiva account for approximately ten years. You can read all about the program below. The Society's Kiva account has offered 86 loans to small struggling businesses in Africa, South America, and Asia. Our account is in need of replenishment and we are asking members and friends of the Society to contribute by writing a check to the Ethical Humanist Society of Philadelphia, listing "Kiva" on the memo line.

What is Kiva?

Kiva is a non-profit organization that allows people and organizations to lend money via the Internet to low-income/underserved entrepreneurs and students in 82 countries. The Kiva mission is, "to connect people through lending to alleviate poverty." Kiva allows microfinance institutions, social businesses, and non-profit organizations, called "Field Partners," to post profiles of qualified local entrepreneurs on its website. Lenders browse and choose an entrepreneur they wish to fund. As the entrepreneurs pay back the loans the funds are returned to Kiva and to the lender's account so the money can be lent to new entrepreneurs. A high percentage of Kiva loans are made to female-owned businesses, although Kiva loans support numerous other projects aimed at helping low-income people improve their lives. The repayment rate on Kiva loans is greater than 98%. Recently Kiva expanded its loan program to support local businesses and entrepreneurs in a number of economically hard-hit U.S. cities. Lenders need to be aware that while Kiva is a non-profit organization and can receive tax-deductible contributions, funds provided to make loans belong to the lender and are not tax-deductible. Also, lenders need to be aware that while Kiva (and the

lender) receive no interest on the loans, the Field Partners do charge interest, often at fairly high rates, to cover their administrative costs.

For more on Kiva, see <http://www.kiva.org>

There are now 2 ways to participate:

Option 1: Support the EHSOP Kiva Account

Richard Kiniry manages the EHSOP Kiva account according to criteria established by the Society's Ethical Action Committee. Historically the account has made loans to female entrepreneurs located in underdeveloped African and Latin American countries. Society members and friends can support this account by providing targeted contributions to the Society's Kiva account, which will then be invested in the Society's Kiva account to make loans according to the Society's criteria. Major advantages of supporting the Society's Kiva account are that contributions made to the Ethical Humanist Society of Philadelphia are tax-deductible, and that the Society will manage the account. The disadvantage is that by letting the Society manage the account donors do not usually have an opportunity to choose projects and loans they want to support.

Option 2: Support the EHSOP Kiva Team Account

Society members and friends who wish to establish and manage their own Kiva accounts can also support the Society's Kiva project by joining the *Ethical Society – Philadelphia Team*. Once an individual Kiva account on the Kiva website has been established it is easy to join the Team. Simply opt to join a team on the Kiva website (<http://www.kiva.org>) and specify that you wish to join the Ethical Society – Philadelphia Team. Every member of the Society's Kiva Team manages their individual Kiva accounts independently, but the Society's Kiva Team profile shows the combined efforts of all of the team members' individual accounts.



Quote-Unquote

Love is the expansion of two natures in such fashion that each include the other, each is enriched by the other.

– a valentine from Felix Adler



Reflections on Ethical Humanist Practice and Spirituality

Christian Hayden

Christian, an EHSOP member, is currently in Ghana working as a volunteer with the Humanist Service Corps.

Last time I wrote to you all I explored “Ethical practice” and maybe even called it prayer. I will probably come back to it, to many of you all’s chagrin.

I was cavorting through Tamale, the nearest city to me, (and nearest in Ghana-speak is a 4 hours’ ride!) on a visit a few months ago. I happened upon one of the best libraries in Ghana, stowed away in a guesthouse called the *Tamale Institute for Cross Cultural Studies* (TICCS). TICCS serves as a sort of home base for missionaries who make their way to Northern Ghana, as well as travelers and, on the rare occasion, incognito politicians. Its library also serves as a fantastic resource for individuals looking for university students from the area.

While perusing for a short bit, I saw a book with the most ominous of titles: *Man’s Search for Meaning*. It is Viktor Frankl’s presentation of *logotherapy*, which uses existentialism as a form of therapy. He worked on this approach after critically evaluating his time spent in a concentration camp. It is a short read, so I will not bore you with my observations, but I do want to start a conversation: A conversation on how we refine what we do, how we serve the world and each other, and how we articulate the weight of our searching and strivings.

Hugh talks about existentialism a lot – not as a philosophical crutch, but as a tool. I and, I am sure, others can see how it helped him to excavate the meaning already in his life and perhaps to be intentional about searching for meaning.

So what tools do we have that can put existentialism into practice? The colloquy type of gathering is already available, giving us moments, space,

and the encouragement to try our hardest to hear and give our real selves to one another. Within circles of varying sizes, we are exposed to the deepest parts of each other, through a meditative reflection guided by the offerings of man – by other humans who thought it important enough to share their search for meaning.



In our leaders, in our practice, we see how existentialism is working to shape the way we live, but is there more room? When we speak to each other, is the question of how we can serve our mutual search for meaning at the forefront of our thoughts? Is it with us when we are not just with relatives, or our circle of friends, but the store clerk, our building staff, or the youth we see? Do they know that we care about their search for meaning?

I freely attribute the term humanist to anyone who is deeply concerned with the well-being of humankind, but here there are echoes of our own Felix Adler found in the words of Frankl:

“Man is originally characterized by his ‘search for meaning’ rather than his ‘search for himself.’ The more he forgets himself – giving himself to a cause or another person – the more human he is. And the more he is immersed and absorbed in something or someone other than himself the more he really becomes himself.”

Our search stretches from overly focusing on own selves, to more healthily focusing on (here it comes) our relationship to the world and each other. There is a natural tension between focusing on ourselves and outside of us, forcing us to do self-evaluation. That process may at times require the help of a professional. After a few months in Ghana, I thought about how woeful my preparation had been and how under different circumstances I would have truly suffered. I thought, where did I go wrong? I did not perhaps dedicate thought to my “self.”

What are the comforts I couldn’t live without? What would help me expand the meaning I could find? What would encourage my growth? What frame of mind and tools would help me maintain the relationships I cultivated in Philadelphia?

I propose that maybe once every five years a human should enter a dark room, sit and wait and see the first thing he craves. Is it food? Is it conversation? After a few minutes, what becomes fleeting and what becomes urgent? The alarm for your phone that you should not have brought inside this activity goes off, reminding you to take your medicine. What if you did not have access to it?

Whose touch do you long for first? Whose voice? Do they know that? Do you treat them with the same value that your being desires of them? What provides the angst in not doing anything, what would you rather be doing? Is it serving others or yourself? Everyone would have different responses to the questions in this activity, and people’s responses may change with age, but the point is to intentionally examine what has meaning for you, and your relationship to it. Knowing ourselves in this manner can, as Frankl might say, help us begin on the path to living more fulfilling lives.

Frankl likes quoting folks. At one point he channels Dostoyevsky: “There is only one thing I dread: not to be worthy of my sufferings.” For me, the depth of what we call Ethical Humanism or Ethical Culture can only be realized when we do not distance ourselves from what draws others to traditional religion, but acknowledge that we too are searching for the comfort traditional religion offers.

Kierkegaard is thought of as an existentialist, even though he was a Christian, because his deep engagement with faith was wrapped in finding meaning. In Dostoyevsky’s quote, I hear every man’s need for a kind of redemption. Why would a humanist need redemption? Because in our struggle to find meaning we

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have made mistakes, transgressions; violated other human beings. Or rather, our inherited social position has borne certain burdens that we are ashamed to carry. The list goes on...

So where might a non-theistic humanist find a path to redemption if not through submission, or the blood of Christ? I do not know, but try giving yourself to something or someone. Be present with the challenges and struggles of that decision. There's no promise it will be solved, but the endeavor is worthy. The impact may even be worth it too, if you can listen hard enough really to focus on the other.

That is why I am here in a small town in Ghana with a curfew. There's a boatload of privilege, educational and economic, related to actions done by my country, for which I could seek redemption. Sure no Ghanaian will come to me and say, "You know, you been doing good work here – we forgive you and your country for that intervention into our political system fifty years ago when we were getting too close to socialism." But in the process my decision to come here may have some impact on the world that begins to undo the damage of those and other wrongs. Maybe some folks' search for meaning can be enriched by my own. Maybe....

Nietzsche sums up logotherapy's operating idea: "He who has a *why* to live for can bear almost any *how*." What is your "why?" Can I help you find it? See, that's how that works.

Announcements



Introduction to Ethical Humanism

Sunday, February 7, 1:00 PM

PLEASE NOTE START TIME!

Come explore Ethical Humanism with Ethical Society Leader Hugh Taft-Morales. Share refreshments and conversation in a relaxed environment at 1:00 PM, Sunday, February 7th. RSVP to leaderhugh@phillyethics.org.

SPRING IS IN THE AIR.....AND YES.....

OUR 2016 ANNUAL SERVICE AUCTION EVENT

THE HIGH POINT OF THE YEAR.....COMING SOON!!!!!!

WHAT IS IT?

Members offer an event for a particular price as in the following list – and other members can make a bid on the offer if they would like to partake of it. All proceeds go directly to our EHSOP.

Some of the events include:

- ICE CREAM & GAMES EVENTS
- COCKTAIL & DINNER PARTIES
- BOAT RIDES ON SCHUYLKILL
- UPTOWN THEATRE TOURS
- SING ALONGS W/ HUGH
- MUSEUM VISITS
- CANOE CARNIVAL

– AND MANY MORE FUN ITEMS.....

STAY TUNED.....IF YOU NEED MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT SALLY REDLENER:

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One-Act Playwriting Contest

The Ethical Humanist Society of Philadelphia (EHSOP) is pleased to announce its 2016 One-Act Playwriting Contest. Playwrights residing on the Eastern Seaboard from New York City to Baltimore are eligible to submit plays of 25-35 minutes in length, with 2-4 characters. One winner and two runners-up will be selected by a committee of Society members. The winner will receive \$100 and a professional, rehearsed reading at one of the Society's Sunday Platforms during our 2016-17 season. The winner must attend, at their own expense, the reading and talk-back session. Runners-up will receive \$50 and their plays will be considered for an in-house reading during the summer of 2017. To participate, please send two emails to Pat McGeever at patethical@gmail.com. The first must contain your name, email address, telephone number, postal address and the title of your play. The second must contain the title and a copy of the play in standard playwriting format, with pages numbered, as a pdf or a doc file, with no indication of your name or personal information. The title of both these emails must be "2016 PLAY SUBMISSION" and the title of your play.

Submissions will be accepted beginning March 2 and closing May 2, 2016. They will not be accepted before or after these dates and will not be considered unless they meet the above qualifications. Questions may be addressed to Pat at patethical@gmail.com.

EHSOP is planning a series of programs on Ethical Economics.

Recent publications may be of interest.

The December, 2015 Ethical Action Report contains a discussion of the problems with the new trade agreement, the TPP, at <http://aeu.org/resource/ethical-action-report-december-2015>

The December, 2014 EAR contains a criticism of all our trade agreements. It is by our member Harry Thorn and is the second article at <http://aeu.org/wp-content/uploads/EAR2014121.pdf>

The Affordable Care Act, (ACA), "Obamacare," makes health insurance available to most of us for the first time. Conservative criticisms of ACA are presented in a book on the history of ACA, *Unprecedented: The Constitutional Challenge to Obamacare*, by law professor Josh Blackman. Our member Harry Thorn wanted to respond in a widely available forum by posting a review on the Amazon site for the book. Click on All Reviews. [If you're reading this as a PDF, [click here](#) for Harry's review – Editor]. It is at the top of the list of critical reviews. The review and its added comments address many ethical issues, including a criticism of laissez-faire economics.



Two concerts this month, each taking place both at the Ethical Society Building and at historic Ivy Hall, 6331 Lancaster Ave, 19151, just off City Line. For more about these and others in the *Music at Ethical* series, see www.FineArtMusicCompany.com

A reminder:

**Saturday, February 6, 8:00 PM at Ivy Hall
and Sunday, February 7, 3:00 PM at the Ethical Society Building**

A Russian Salon

Music by Rachmaninoff, Tchaikovsky, Nikolai Medtner, Alexander Scriabin and others is surrounded by poetry, (some in Russian!) thoughts and influences of Alexander Sergeyevich Pushkin. Our pianists Rollin Wilber and Kasia Salwinski perform expansive solo works, and accompany mezzo-soprano Tatyana Rashkovsky in provocative song.

And announcing:

Sunday, February 21, 3:00 PM at Ivy Hall

**Wednesday (*please note day of week*), February 24, 7:30 PM
at the Ethical Society Building**

In Recital: Violin, Piano & Saxophone

Jonathan Moser <i>violin</i>	Jeremy Justeson <i>saxophone</i>	Katarzyna Marzec-Salwinski <i>piano</i>
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- *Dash*, trio by Jennifer Higdon – Pulitzer Prize winning American contemporary composer
- *Cantilene et Danse*, trio by Marc Eydenne – modern Algerian composer
- *Solo for Saxophone*, by Joan Tower – Grammy-winning contemporary American composer
- *Sonata for Violin and Piano*, by Claude Debussy – French Impressionist composer
- *Sonata for Solo Violin*, by Paul Hindemith – 20th century German composer

Monday, February 8, 7:00 PM – *Capitalism in Crisis*

Prof. Barry Schwartz on “The Paradox of Consumer Choice”

In the first in our 2016 *Ethics on the Square* offerings, Leader Hugh Taft-Morales hosts Barry Schwartz, professor of psychology at Swarthmore College, for an exploration of how too much consumer choice can damage our psychological and emotional well-being.

Does the over-abundance of choice distract us from those things we truly value? How should businesses balance the need for growth against what's best for customers? To what extent is our advertising-saturated culture to blame? Q and A follows.

Co-sponsored by the *Ethical Humanist Society of Philadelphia*, the *Fox School of Business at Temple University* and the *Sustainable Business Network of Great Philadelphia*

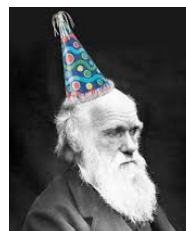


Thursday,
February 11
6:30 PM

Hearing Loss Association of America meeting

For February, Center-City Philly chapter of HLAA will continue its activist project of exploring and trying to help improve the hearing ambience at downtown restaurants. We will meet at the Vietnamese Palace Restaurant, 222 N. 11th St. Discussion and survey will follow. RSVP to Pat McGeever:

pathlaa.phil@gmail.com



**Sunday,
February 21,
6:00–8:30 PM**

Come celebrate Darwin Day

In honor of the life and work of Charles Darwin, gather for a potluck party for adults with an evolution themed sing-along, games, costumes, and good cheer! (Prizes to the top three costumes).

RSVP to Betsy Lightbourn at elisalight726@gmail.com by February 18.

To assure a selection of food, please follow this program:

- Bring an **appetizer** if your last name begins with the letters **A through E**.
- Bring a **main course** if your last name begins with the letters **F through L**.
- Bring a **side dish or salad** if your last name begins with the letters **M through R**.
- Bring **dessert** if your last name begins with the letters **S through Z**.

***Everyone, bring your own
drinks!***

Tuesday, February 23, 6:00 PM – Field Trip and Discussion of *Racism is a Sickness* Installation



Join Hugh in visiting *Racism is a Sickness*, a photo and word installation by Tieshka Smith at the Art Church of West Philadelphia, 5219 Webster St., 19143, and participate in a discussion touching on “white identity” with activist Myles Dinnen. Myles will guide conversation about the experience of specific examples of white racial justice activists. Those interested can grab a light dinner at the end of the event. RSVP to Hugh at LeaderHugh@phillyethics.org if you want to attend. Limit of 10 people.

February 2016

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7 11:00 a.m. <i>Throwaway Culture: The Excess of Consumerism</i> Hugh Taft-Morales **1:00 p.m.** <i>Intro to Ethical Humanism</i> Hugh Taft-Morales 3:00 PM Music at Ethical: <i>A Russian Salon of Music</i>	8 7:00 p.m. Capitalism in Crisis	9	10 Meetings 5:30p.m. Finance Committee 6:30p.m. Ethical Action Committee	11 6:30p.m. HLAA Center City P. McGeever See ad on page 6 for location	12	13
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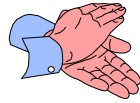
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SUNDAY SERVICES

Hosts Coordinated
by Lelah Marie



Many thanks to our December
hosts:

Jeffrey Dubb, Ruthann Dubb,
Garry O'Rourke, Mike Black-Smith,
Richard Kiniry, and John Marshall.



Flowers Coordinated
by David Ralston

February 7- Anonymous

February 14 - Sally Redlener, "In
honor of all the sweethearts at the
Ethical Society"

February 21 - Ken Greiff

February 28 - David Ralston, "In
honor of Abraham Lincoln"



Coffee Hour Coordinators

February 7- John Marshall
February 14 - Ken Greiff
February 21 - Garry O'Rourke
February 28 - Harry Thorn

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