



ETHICAL VIEWS

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THE SUMMER EDITION

Summer Sundays on the Square

The Philadelphia Ethical Society – a popular summertime destination for members, friends, and visitors – offers relaxed but stimulating summer programs presented by Leader Emeritus Richard Kiniry and members coordinated through the Education Committee. While we seek to inspire and well as to inform all year around, we try especially hard during the summer months to offer more informal (and sometimes lighthearted) programs.

JUNE

Sunday, June 3, 11:00 AM
Getting Our Attention with a Beautiful Sound Rollin Wilber, Pianist, Philadelphia Ethical Society, Founder, Fine Art Music
Music reveals a world where we move beyond intellect, to be touched by what is otherwise inexpressible. By exploring various musical styles, we listen for what affects us. This session of music appreciation around the piano is designed for all listeners.



Sunday, June 10, 11:00 AM
Truth: A Colloquy
Richard Kiniry, Leader Emeritus, Philadelphia Ethical Society

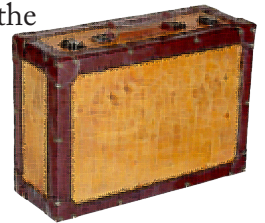
A Colloquy is a time for shared reflections. Together participants explore a theme with music, readings, parables, and discussion. The purpose of Colloquy is to inspire participants, in a communal setting, to develop practices of self-reflection and deep listening. Sharing thoughts and feelings on selected topics can help us live our lives in more awareness and congruity with our values. Everyone is asked to use "I" statements and speak from personal experiences, thoughts, and feelings. Next the facilitator may play some music and/or read something, and again invite responses.

Sunday, June 17, 11:00 AM
POP Goes the Classical: A Celebration of Musical Diversity
Robert Edwin Steinfort, PES Member and Musician

To help heal a divided musical world, singer Robert Edwin (aka Bob Steinfort) and his collaborative pianist, Joseph Krupa, will share several classical piano pieces that were turned into popular songs. Do you know where the pop song, *Groovy Kind of Love*, came from? Do you know what *Mozart's Concerto No. 21*, 2nd movement morphed into? Classical music lovers and pop song aficionados alike will enjoy this program (albeit maybe not at the same time)!

Sunday, June 24, 11:00 AM
Ethical Page Turners – Global Perspectives Betsy Lightbourn, PES member

Ethical issues are often creatively explored through fiction. Both literary and genre fiction (ie thrillers, historical novels, and science fiction) can both illuminate ethical issues and enhance an understanding of the lives of others. This summer, our reviewers will briefly review books that have invited them to explore cultures not their own and the responses to these literary journeys. So come prepared for travel with your passports, cameras, and suitcases.



JULY

Sunday, July 1, 11:00 AM
Stories from the AEU Assembly
PES Members

PES president Bob Bueding and other members who attended the AEU Assembly in Albuquerque, New Mexico will share their take-aways and moments of inspiration.

During the summer the Sunday Ethical Education for Kids (SEEK) will not be offered. If you have any questions, please contact Nick Sanders, nick@phillyethics.org

JULY CONTINUED

Sunday, July 8, 11:00 AM
Camp Linden: What Will the Future Bring?

Jeff Dubb and Temma Fishman

Many of us think that Camp Linden is the centerpiece of the Society's Social Justice efforts. Members of the Society involved with the Camp will explain the history of the Camp, the current program, and the challenge for the future. How can you as a member or friend of the Camp act to make sure that the Camp survives and prospers?



Sunday, July 15, 12:00 Noon
Annual Picnic at Camp Linden

No program scheduled at 1906 S. Rittenhouse Square. If the picnic is rained out, the program for July 22 will take place and the picnic will be postponed until July 22. (For details, see announcements, p.5)



Students from the Education Works program on a visit to Camp Linden.

Sunday, July 22, 11:00 AM
My Pan-Africanism and My Humanism, Intertwining Pillars on Which I Stand: A Continuing Conversation on Race, Place, and Identity

Christian Hayden, PES member

Christian took a humanist pilgrimage to Ghana 2015 - 2016 where while serving, he engaged with ideas on what it meant to be humanist and black. But before that he had begun a journey on reconciling his blackness within the context of living in Brooklyn's East New York and Philadelphia's Southwest communities, and the greater world around him.

Sunday, July 29, 11:00 AM
A Humanist Scientist Explores the Legacy of Charles Darwin and the Natural Selection Theory

Ron Coburn, MD, PES member

Ron shares some reflections on the continuously interesting subject of Darwin's theory and how he came to it, basing his talk on the 2017 book, *Darwin's Backyard: How Small Experiments Led to a Big Theory*, by James Costa, and the classic, *The Descent of Man*, by Charles Darwin.

AUGUST

Sunday, August 5, 11:00 AM
Creating Community: Finding the "Us" in Poetry Facilitator:
Christian Hayden, PES Member

Using poetry that spans from timeless and local, deep and amusing as inspiration, Christian Hayden will lead a reflection activity that encourages attendees to reflect and create as a community. (Bring a favorite poem if you can!)

Sunday, August 12, 11:00 AM
"A Florentine Tragedy,"
by Oscar Wilde: Pat McGeever, PES Member

A dramatic play reading directed by Pat McGeever and performed by in-house acting talent.

A Florentine Tragedy

is a fragment of a never-completed play, published in 1907, seven years after Wilde's death.



Sunday, August 19, 11:00 AM
What to do with Men

Richard Kiniry, Leader Emeritus, Philadelphia Ethical Society

Men aren't all bad, or are they? With the "# Me Too movement" the sense of crisis in the expectations of male behavior is again in the spotlight. While our culture continues to support the dominance of men over women, things are changing and in balancing nature and nurture we must face what is possible in the 21st century, as we strive for a new burst of equality in the most basic of human relationships.

Sunday, August 26, 11:00 AM
Gender and Sexuality Policy:
Impacts on Social Justice
Kim McKay, PES member, and
Temple University Assist. Prof.
of Social Work and affiliated
Professor of Gender, Sexuality,
and Women's Studies.

As our current US president keeps everyone distracted, there are a lot of policies that are changing rapidly with little media coverage. These changes will have negative impacts on already vulnerable populations. Policies affecting gender and sexuality are being passed at the national, state, and local levels. Kim McKay will lead this platform to introduce you to some of these policies and their potential impact on individuals and communities.

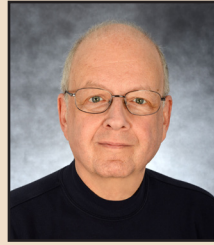
SEPTEMBER

Sunday, September 2, 11:00 AM
Ethical Education for Preschoolers
Nick Sanders, PES member

During this coming program year, our Philadelphia Ethical Society will be developing and carrying out an ethical education program for children ages three to six. Learn what we plan to be doing for children in this very formative period of their lives.



PRESIDENT'S COLUMN



Here Comes Summer

*Bob Bueding, President,
Philadelphia Ethical Society*

Although it's a proven fact that Summer comes every year, for a while I was skeptical. Not to worry - it's finally arrived, and here is what to expect.

During this summer we'll have a full array of programs. Our summer programs tend to be much more casual. What do we have planned? You will find colloquies, music, discussion and much more. Our Leader Emeritus Richard Kiniry and member Christian Hayden will each be presenting several programs during the summer. Our Leader, Hugh Taft Morales will be on a well-deserved vacation and will return in September. A listing of our programs is in this issue of *Ethical Views*.

On another note, I wish to thank everyone who supported my efforts as your Society President during the past two years. It is also my pleasure to let you know I will continue as President for the next two years. During the past two years we made many strides forward, but unfortunately, some of the things I was hoping to see happen did not take place. I was hoping to

grow our membership and I was also hoping to grow our younger ranks. To achieve that goal, over the next two years I will continue to improve our social media presence so that younger folks will come and see what we have to offer here at 1906.

One last item. We are working hard to grow our Sunday School for children. Nick Sanders and Kim McKay, two of our dedicated members, have spent many hours to make this happen. Please keep an eye out for developments to expand our Sunday School. If you have ideas or are interested in having your children attend our Sunday School, please send me a note at my email address (below).

Enjoy your Summer, and please remember my door is always open. If you have suggestions or even complaints (as long as they are constructive) please reach out to me.

~ Bob

bbueding@phillyethics.org

For Visitors – Who We Are:

We share your search for a meaningful and ethical life. Our forums and classes encourage open, thoughtful discussion and provide the tools to make this a better world. Our road to happiness is one of honest involvement with those around us. Most activities take place at our spacious building on Rittenhouse Square. Camp Linden, by the Brandywine River is our country home for picnics, workshops, and programs for children. As a member, you will find new opportunities for fellowship, growth, and service. For more information, please visit phillyethics.org.

LEADER'S COLUMN

Ethical Education: Our Children are Our Future



*Hugh Taft-Morales,
Leader,
Philadelphia
Ethical Society*

Our small but enthusiastic Sunday Ethical Education for Kids (SEEK) program exists primarily thanks to the teaching and mentoring commitment of Kim McKay and Nick Sanders. They have spent much of their Sunday time at PES in the Weston Room with five young people: Manny, Eliot, Ben, Julian and Dino. The older children have helped out with many of our activities, including Humanist Thanksgiving, Darwin Day, the Dictionary Project, and our Kiva micro-loans (see their bulletin board on the second floor landing). In some ways our education program has the potential to become our most effective ethical action project – the development of engaged, confident, and educated social justice advocates! So many thanks to the children, and to Kim and Nick.

The future of our Ethical Education program for children, however, is in the hands of all members and guests. We need your continued financial contributions, in terms of pledge dollars and Sunday collections, so that we can hire part-time staff dedicated to bringing out the best in our children. The PES Board has made some funds available for an outreach initiative in 2018-2019. But we are even more in need of a

handful of volunteers committed to supporting our teacher half a dozen Sundays over the course of the year. Please contact Nick Sanders ASAP if you are interested! Help keep an important part of our heritage alive and flourishing!

After all, at the very founding of the Ethical Culture movement, Felix Adler, a teacher himself, put the ethical education of children at the center of his work. He enjoyed teaching Sunday School at Temple Emanu-el in New York where his father was rabbi. Later, at the New York Society for Ethical Culture, he emphasized that teaching ethics to children enhanced their confidence, knowledge, and engagement with the world. In 1877 he founded the first free kindergarten in America, particularly for the benefit of working class families.

The educational approach of Ethical Culture rejected stern and rigid methods used for much of the 19th century. Adler rejected the concept of “original sin” which sometimes led to cruel and harsh treatment of young people. He promoted a progressive educational philosophy drawn from Johann Henrich Pestalozzi (1746-1827) and Friedrich Frobel (1782-1852). Pestalozzi assumed the worth and goodness of every child, and Frobel emphasized exploration and play to draw out their innate goodness. These are perspectives PES member, Dr. Bob Kay, has long supported.

Progressive approaches to education are needed now more than ever. Due to insufficient funding, especially here in Pennsylvania, many schools continue to under-serve our children. Things are about where they were in 1964 when John Holt, in *How Children Fail*, wrote that children fail not despite our

system, but because of it – because our students are “afraid, bored, and confused.” Holt continued: “They are afraid, above all else, of failing, of disappointing or displeasing the many anxious adults around them, whose limitless hopes and expectations for them hang over their heads like a cloud. They are bored because the things they are given and told to do in school are so trivial, so dull, and make such limited and narrow demands on the wide spectrum of their intelligence, capabilities, and talents.”

We have an opportunity to offer a very different experience for children in our Sunday School. Next year we will offer families a new way to help develop in their children ethical habits of the heart and consciences attuned to the needs of others. Our plan is to offer parents of children of ages 3-6 an hour of ethical pre-school education each Sunday. Parents will be asked to pay a fee that will supplement funds already set aside to hire a teacher. Parents will not be required to attend platform, but we hope that by introducing their children to ethical education in a supportive community, that they will become more curious about our unique alternative to traditional religion.

Please be a part of this new initiative. We need classroom volunteers to sign up now, and in September we need members to help promote this new initiative in the Rittenhouse Square neighborhood. It might mean engaging, when given the opportunity, with young families who might benefit from Ethical Culture in the Square on Sunday afternoons.. The world needs it, and we need a new generation of Ethical Humanists if we are to continue strongly into the future.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wednesday, June 6, 7:00-8:30PM Introduction to Ethical Humanism

Newcomers and visitors are encouraged to attend to an Introduction to Ethical Humanism. Leader Emeritus, Richard Kiniry will offer a brief presentation and host a discussion with PES member Christian Hayden. Come learn about Ethical Culture's unique brand of humanism and what it could mean to you in your life journey. Refreshments will be served. Please RSVP to chayden423@gmail.com

Friday, June 22, 7:00-9:00 PM New Game Night at the Society

Come and enjoy board games, beer, wine, and community building.



Just come, or if you have questions, contact Christian Hayden, 215-651-8230

chayden423@gmail.com

Sunday, June 24 6:30 PM Capitalism, Socialism and In-between: A two part discussion.

Facilitator: Richard Kiniry (June 24 & August 19) using Robert Reich's book, *Saving Capitalism*, and other materials that will be provided. Our focus will be on the values we bring to our economic system. No economic theory is strictly practiced and each theory serves the needs of some and not others. The discussion will strive for more light than heat in examining each theory.

Wednesday, July 11, 7:00-8:30PM Introduction to Ethical Humanism

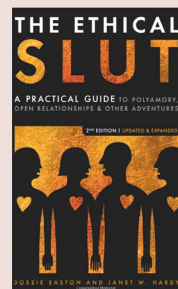
See description above under Wednesday, June 6. Please RSVP to chayden423@gmail.com

Sunday, July 15 (Rain date, July 22) 12:00 Noon - 5:00 PM Ethical Society Annual Picnic 1521 Camp Linden Rd. West Chester, PA 19382

Fun for all ages. Swimming, croquet, paddle ball and duck pond for kids. For environmentalists there will be a talk and guided walk (See "Taking Care of Our Camp Linden Woods" in this issue on page x) Hot dogs, beef and veggie burgers, rolls, fixings, soft drinks and beer will be provided. Cost \$15 per person, \$10 if you bring a side dish or dessert (collected at the picnic). Children 12 and under are free. Carpools will depart from Rittenhouse Square at 11:00 AM. Email to hpashkow@gmail.com if you can take riders (how many?) or if you need a ride.

Wednesday, July 18, 7:00 PM Book discussion – *The Ethical Slut* by Janet Hardy and Dossie Easton. Facilitator: Richard Kiniry

This book was released twenty years ago, but its premise still seems challenging and pertinent to older and younger generations. Does the work hold up in this climate? Was it prophetic in its defining of intimacy and consent? Or have modern dating



with the advent of Tinder/Grindr and undefined relationships taken a different turn.

Friday, July 20, 7:00-9:00 PM Mid-Summer Game Night at the Society

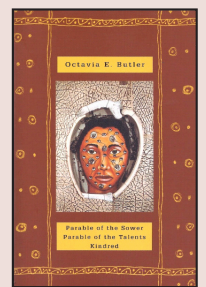
Come and enjoy board games, beer, wine, and community building. Contact Christian Hayden, 215-651-8230 chayden423@gmail.com

Sunday, August 19, 6:30 PM Capitalism, Socialism and In-between: A two part discussion

- See description above under Sunday, June 24.

Wednesday, August 22, 7:00 PM Book discussion – *The Parable of the Sower/The Parable of the Talents* by Octavia Butler Facilitator: Richard Kiniry

Octavia Butler creates a near apocalyptic world not far from our own, that mixes the consequences of further environmental degradation, and economic disparity. This world she imagines, creates an opportunity for something an else, something not far from the original purpose of Ethical Culture, which was to create a "faith" that meets the needs of the time. What does Octavia Butler's book suggest to us about human hope in the face of trial and tribulations? What does it tell us about our belief systems and how they interact and impact the world today?.



From the Camp Linden Committee: Taking Care of Our Camp Linden Woods

In his recent Earth Day platform talk, “Are We Owners, Stewards or Children of the Earth?”, our Leader implored the membership, “As owners, let us be responsible owners who insure our property remains vibrant and valuable for seven generations into the future. As stewards, let us be effective stewards who protect the environment for everyone to enjoy...”



The woods at Camp Linden

As members of the Ethical Society we are owners and stewards of 51 acres of rural property in Chester County, affectionately known as Camp Linden. It may come as somewhat of a surprise to some to learn that the woods covering over 90% of our camp property can't take care of themselves but need active management to regenerate and thrive.

Over the past several weeks Paul Schubert has taken the first step needed for us to assume this active management. He has made numerous hikes throughout our property to survey the health and condition of our woods.

Paul lives near camp and is a regular volunteer at our Camp Linden work days. He is an

avid environmentalist. Employing his extensive botanical knowledge, Paul has led multiple hikes and excursions throughout the region. He also regularly circulates his reviews of articles on environmental issues to a network of advocates.

For those interested, during the PES Annual Picnic, Paul will give a presentation on his observations regarding the health of our woods and offer suggestions on how to observe woodlands.

His presentation will be followed by an optional walk in which Paul will point out noteworthy features and conditions. Those attending will receive a handout detailing how to gain a fuller ecological understanding of our woods.

FROM THE AMERICAN ETHICAL UNION

Sunday, June 3, 5:00-6:00 PM
Self-Compassion Meditation Call
in by phone: 641-715-3580 (Access Code: 366348) The meditation will start at 10 minutes after the hour and will last for about 20 minutes. Following the meditation, we'll have opportunity for discussion looking at meditation from an Ethical Culture perspective. For more information, go to aeu.org/event/community-meditation-1/

Thursday, June 7-Sunday, June 10
AEU 103rd Assembly in Albuquerque, New Mexico
 It's not too late to attend the 2018 American Ethical Union Assembly, “Seeds for the Future:

Environmental Justice and Ethical Culture.” Register today at aeu.org. Come learn more about environmental justice so we can plant seeds that grow into effective activism for the benefit of everyone now and in the future. There will be workshops on best practices for growing our movement.

In an effort to nurture greater diversity at our annual AEU Assemblies, we established a *Voices at the Table Fund*. These funds are intended to help those for whom the financial cost of traveling to, and registering for, the Assembly are prohibitive, particularly younger members, people of color, and other

marginalized groups. [Click here to donate](#), check “I would like to designate this donation to a specific fund,” and select *Voices at the Table* in *Designated Fund* drop-down menu. Or make a check out to the American Ethical Union and write “Voices at the Table Fund” in the memo.

Sunday, June 10, 7:00-9:00 PM
Living Ethics: the Core of Ethical Communities Webinars
by Jone Johnson Lewis, Leader of Riverdale-Yonkers Society for Ethical Culture & Brooklyn Society for Ethical Culture

For more information, go to aeu.org/event/living-ethics-seminars/

**From the PES
Ending Racism Task Force:**

APOLOGY & FORGIVENESS

submitted by Henry Pashkow

I am stirred by people who changed their racist attitudes and behaviors. The example of a former racist governor who reformed arouses my interest in the struggle to change.

The story is first told by Peggy Wallace Kennedy, who became an outspoken civil rights activist in the South. She speaks of the change in her father George Wallace, at 75, infirm and wheel-chair bound since he was shot in 1972. He came to St Jude's church in Montgomery, Alabama in 1995, to ask the black congregants for forgiveness for the pain and suffering he had caused them. His message was read out to them, as he was too ill to speak for himself.

"Much has transpired since those days," he said. "A great deal has been lost and a great deal gained, and here we are. My message to you today is, welcome to Montgomery. May your message be heard. May your lessons never be forgotten." And he proceeded, as best he could, to sing "We Shall Overcome" with the congregants.

In 1979 at the Dexter Avenue Baptist Church in Montgomery – where Martin Luther King Jr. pastored in the 1950s – Wallace made an unpublicized and unannounced Sunday morning visit to the congregation. And from his wheelchair the former governor said: "I have learned what suffering means. In a way that was impossible (before the shooting), I think I can understand something of the pain black people have come to endure. I know I contributed to that pain, and I can only ask your forgiveness."

I quote further from the article written by Colman McCarthy for the *Washington Post* in 1995. He quoted the Rev Martin Luther King as follows: "Forgiveness," King said, "does not mean ignoring what has been

done or putting a false label on an evil act. It means, rather, that the evil act *no longer remains as a barrier to the relationship*" (italics mine). While abhorring segregation, we shall love the segregationist. This is the only way to create the beloved community."

Peggy Wallace Kennedy walked across Edmond Pettus Bridge hand in hand with Congressman John Lewis. She said, "I told him I'd crossed many bridges in my life, and I'll cross many, many more. But the most important bridge I'll ever cross in my life is the one I crossed with you, in 2009."

"Forgiveness," King said, "does not mean ignoring what has been done or putting a false label on an evil act. It means, rather, that the evil act no longer remains as a barrier to the relationship."

Lewis was moved to tears when an Alabama police chief apologized for failing to protect the Freedom Riders during a trip to Montgomery. Lewis had been badly beaten on the bridge that fateful day.

A change in me not so profound or dramatic, but deeply felt, is exemplified by an experience I had years ago, which in retrospect, caused me to change over time. I was a social worker at a homeless shelter at that time and I remember walking with a resident past City Hall courtyard, where a rally to free Mumia Abu-Jamal was taking place. The resident, a black man, questioned why so many rallied for Mumia Abu-Jamal when so many other black men were held in prisons for crimes they did not commit.

I didn't like seeing so many people

clamoring for the release of a man I thought guilty, while few spoke out for the men relegated to the margins. I assumed they forgot about the cop who was killed and the suffering of his family on account of it.

In our own ERTF group I've listened to those who bore the brunt of racism that has plagued our country for so many years. Listening without reacting or making assumptions as to why people rally or reach the conclusions they come to has been a struggle for me. Listening puts the quietus to my having often felt I had to justify my own worth as a man to whom privilege attains simply for being white. A quieter reconsideration is what I'm being brought to, as to who I am, what I've done and what I stand for. To all who speak out at our ERTF and at our Platform addresses my message now is, well, here we are. Much has transpired. May your messages be heard.

I'm ready to listen.

The change within me is still in process. The ramifications are profound. As to Mr. Abu-Jamal, I respect the feelings of those at our Ethical Society and others who believe he was railroaded into a conviction by a racist court and believe in his innocence. Though I agree with you on the racism in our entire criminal justice system, I believe he was guilty of the crime. But I see no need, to paraphrase King, to build barriers to the relationship that exists or can exist between us.

Mr. Abu-Jamal is a sick man, and now it is time, I believe, to release him to the care of those who believe in his innocence and are prepared to look after him in his final years.

The experiences that we share, about our struggles and doubts, bind us together.

PES Community Social Events



July 14, 6:00 pm Gourmet Spanish Dinner with Fine Wines

Sponsor: Ruth Ann & Jeffrey Dubb
Location: 2208 Pine Street
Maximum number: 18

(only 3 seats remaining)

PES members only
Donation: \$30 per person
Cut off for entering: very soon!
Contact: jeffrey.dubb@gmail.com

July 21, 2:00-5:00 pm Ice Cream Social with Board Games

Sponsor: Nick Sanders and
Molly Sayvetz with Stan Horwitz
as Games Master
Location: 2401 Pennsylvania
Avenue (The Philadelphian)
Maximum number: 12
Donation: \$15 per person
Contact: nick@phillyethics.org

August 3, 16, September 15, 19, 29 7:05 pm except one as noted Phillies Tickets

Sponsor: Carol Love
Location: Citizens Bank Park:
seats (except one) are on 300
Level by home plate – Great view!
Maximum number: ask Carol
Donation: \$35 per person
Who is playing?

Miami Marlins – Fri., Aug. 3
New York Mets – Thurs., Aug. 16
Miami Marlins, Sat., Sept. 15
New York Mets, Wed., Sept. 19,

6:05 pm

Atlanta Braves*, Sat. Sept. 29

*Seats Lower Level Row 8 – \$50

Contact: Carolamd@comcast.net

Saturday, August 4, at 7:30 pm Medford Lakes Carnival Event

Be sure to sign up for our
Canoe Carnival event. Watch a
magnificent, dazzling display
of decorated canoes parade by
from your lakeside seat under the
stars in beautiful Medford Lakes.
The various float groups vie with
each other to win the prize in
their category for the funniest,
most elaborate, creative, most
beautiful, etc. Enjoy delicious
tacos, hot dogs, fish cake
sandwiches, ice cream, and other
tasty treats.

Sponsor:
Temma and Arnold Fishman
Location: 21- Chippewa Trail,
Medford Lakes, NJ 08055
Maximum number: unlimited
Donation: \$25 per person
Cut off for entering: July 20
Contact: temmafish@aol.com

Sat., September 15, – time TBD Longwood Gardens Guided Tour and Picnic Lunch in Longwood Gardens Picnic Grove

Sponsor: Sharon Wallis &
Leonard Weeks
Location: Longwood Gardens,
Kennett Square, PA 19348
Maximum number: 8

(only 3 seats left)

Donation: \$30 per person
Contact:
sharonkwallis@gmail.com

Saturday, October 6, afternoon (time TBD)

Let's Movie! Let's Eat!

Sponsor: Kate Esposito
Location: TBD
Maximum number: 4 (1 seat left)
Donation: \$25 per person
Contact: kmesposit@gmail.com

Date TBD

War of Words!?

Dinner and Debate
"Why Autocracy is Better than
Democracy" or something else of
Ken's choosing - ;)

Sponsor: Ken Greiff
Location: PES West – 118 S. 21st St.
Maximum number: 11
(only 5 seats left)
Donation: \$30 per person
Contact: ken.greiff@gmail.com

Date TBD

Little Shop of Horrors – Expert Tour of Mutter Museum

Sponsor: Marta Guttenberg
Location: Mutter Museum, 19 S.
22nd St.

Maximum number: 4
Donation: \$20 per person
Contact: Marta at 215-545-2997

Date: TBD

Take Your Favorite Feline to a Cat Pedicure and/or In-Their-Home Care While You are Away

Sponsor: Marta Guttenberg
Location: at the client's house
Maximum number: limited only by
Marta's time and energy
Donation: \$20 per person
Contact: Marta at 215-545-2997

HAPPENINGS

POWER and Starbucks: Brewing a good way forward

Leader Hugh writes:

On Wednesday, April 18th, 40 clergy leaders, members and partners of POWER (Philadelphians Organized to Witness, Empower, and Rebuild), a PICO faith and community based justice organization, met with Howard Schultz, Starbucks Chair and Founder, Kevin Johnson, CEO, and six other Starbucks executives.

To begin the listening session and discussion, I was given the responsibility of offering some historical and ethical framing comments. My statement is on the Philadelphia Ethical Society web page. It challenged Starbucks to become leaders in repairing the harm done by systemic racism in this country. Due to the fact that Starbucks prides itself on some progressive and inclusive policies, there is a real chance they will rise to that challenge. As I stated on Facebook the week following the incident at the Starbucks two blocks from the Ethical Society, the meeting with the executives made me feel relatively optimistic. I know that time will tell. Finally, thanks to all the PES members who joined in the actions to hold Starbucks accountable.



Hugh Taft-Morales and Starbucks Chair Howard Schultz at Mother Bethel Church on April 18th.



Hugh Taft-Morales and Sylvia Metzler in the infamous Starbucks on April 16.

Photo by Bob Bueding

May Book Discussion: *William Howard Taft*



Jeffrey Rosen, CEO National Constitution Center, interviewed on his new book, *William Howard Taft*, by Hugh Taft-Morales, Leader, Philadelphia Ethical Society, and great-grandson of William Howard Taft, at Rittenhouse Square. The full title of Rosen's book is *William Howard Taft: the Presidents Series: the 27th President 1909-1913*.

Philadelphia Ethical Society Committees

Yes, it does take a village to tend all the initiatives of PES, and we always welcome fresh input. Any of the chair people listed below would be pleased to talk about what they do and what they need. Enrich your experience of being a PES member by helping out. Meetings are held at PES.

COMMITTEE	FUNCTION	MEETING DATES	CONTACT
Building	Oversight of current maintenance our building and long-term planning for it.	As needed	Michael Black-Smith
Camp Linden	Oversee maintenance of the Camp and Summer Children's Program.	4 th Wednesday 5:30 pm	Leonard Weeks
Communications	Promote the programs and activities of the Society outside the Society.	Bi-monthly	Hugh Taft-Morales
Community	Establish a community of cooperation and acceptance that allows interpersonal growth and individual worth. Within this committee, there are special teams for Social Events, Membership Growth, and Connections.	Quarterly	Susan Brotherton
Education	Analyze the principles of Ethical Humanism in the light of contemporary experience and to offer programs that express those principles through selection platform speakers and children's education.	1 st Wednesday 6:30 pm	Betsy Lightbourn
Ethical Action	Community outreach programs and fostering citizen involvement in social and political regional, national, and international issues – not to include support of individual political candidates or political parties. Within this committee, there is a special subcommittee on Confronting Racism.	2 nd Wednesday 6:30 pm	Nick Sanders
Finance	Budget, investment management and financial reports. Within this committee, there are subcommittees on Fund Raising/Pledging and Investments.	2 nd Wednesday 5:30 pm	David Ralston
Leader Advisory	Liaison between the Leader and the membership, and to assess the Leader's duties and functions, recommending priorities among these from time to time.	As needed	TBD
Long-range Planning	Planning for the Society's future.	As needed	TBD
Rentals	Propose policies and support the Society Administrator in renting space at 1906 Rittenhouse Square.	As needed	Cheryl Desmond

QUICK REFERENCE SUMMER CALENDAR

JUNE

- 6/3 11:00 AM
Getting Our Attention with
a Beautiful Sound!
- 6/6 7:00 PM
Intro. to Ethical Humanism
- 6/7-10 AEU 103rd Annual
Assembly
- 6/10 11:00 AM
Truth - a Colloquy
- 6/17 11:00 AM
POP Goes the Classical:
A Celebration of Musical
Diversity
- 6/24 11:00 AM
Ethical Page Turners -
Global Perspectives

AUGUST

- 8/5 11:00 AM
Creating Community:
Finding the "Us" in Poetry
- 8/12 11:00 AM
"A Florentine Tragedy"
- 8/19 11:00 AM
What to do with Men
- 8/26 11:00 AM
Gender & Sexuality Policy

JULY

- 7/1 11:00 AM
Stories from the AEU
Assembly
- 7/4 Happy Independence Day!
- 7/8 11:00 AM
Camp Linden: What Will
the Future Bring?
- 7/11 7:00 PM
Intro. to Ethical
Humanism
- 7/15 12:00 PM
Annual Picnic at Camp
Linden (Rain Date 7/22)
- 7/22 11:00 AM
My Pan-Africanism and
My Humanism,
- 7/29 11:00 AM
A Humanist Scientist
Explores the Legacy of
Charles Darwin

SEPTEMBER

- 9/2 11:00 AM
Ethical Education for
Preschoolers
Note: The full September
calendar will appear in
the September issue.

SUMMER BIRTHDAYS

JUNE

- 3 Temma Fishman
- 3 Zia Okocha
- 7 Janice Moore
- 12 George Sakheim
- 14 Arthur Pielli
- 22 Sylvia Goldman

JULY

- 2 Eric Clausen
- 4 Uncle Sam (242nd)
- 9 John McGormick
- 9 Harry Thorn
- 10 Janet Cooke
- 10 Sylvia Metzler
- 13 Dan Hoffman
- 17 Mike Black-Smith
- 20 Bill Goldberg
- 22 Marvin Lieberman
- 23 David Ralston
- 26 Betsy Lightbourn
- 26 Sharon Wallis

AUGUST

- 4 Leslie Williams
- 6 Kim McKay
- 7 Stan Horwitz
- 13 Felix Adler
(167th)
- 14 Ilse Sakheim

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Hosts: Coordinated by
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Sunday hosts who greet and orient members and visitors make a valuable contribution to the community. If you'd like to help out during the summer, please contact John Marshall.

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Remember to put the PES Annual Picnic at Camp Linden on your calendar - Sunday, July 15th, Noon - 5:00; Rain Date: July 22nd

QUOTABLE

"I have never developed indigestion from eating my words."

- Winston Churchill

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