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Cultivating rational inquiry,  
ethical values,  
and human development.



We have secured a location for our  
5th Anniversary Humanist Salon!!!!

Saturday, November 1, 2008 – 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Woman's Club of Red Bank

164 Broad St.

(right across the street from the Post Office)

Because this location has plenty of room, it will **not** be a "members-only" event.

**All RBH-ers are invited. Bring a curious friend.**

**Everyone attending should bring a dish of food to share  
(hors d'oeuvre, main dish, salad, or dessert...snacks, whatever)  
and, BYOB.**

***Costumes optional - decorative or scary***

By popular demand, we are bringing back our Humanist Salons, which will be presented several times a year. It's a potluck party where we hope to replicate the spirit of a classical French Salon. There is food, drink, music, and conversation of the Humanist kind. We usually have a topic for discussion...that we get to later in the evening. The following quotes give you some idea of the goal of a Salon:

"What if conversations we had with one another went beneath the surface, made our hearts beat a little faster, brought us to life? What if we could have those conversations with our feet up, a warm plate of gourmet food on our lap, and a glass of wine in our hand?"

"A special, serious kind of fun is what salons are finally all about -- which is why it is so hard to capture their spirit. For unlike literature, fun leaves no traces. There is no archaeology of camaraderie."

"The glory, and pathos, of salons... is renewed every time people gather together to engage in that simplest, most difficult, most human of rituals: good conversation."

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## "Scheduled Topic" Forum

Sunday, November 9, 2008 - 10:30 a.m. Red Bank Charter School

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### *The Election Is Over!*

What does it mean? Any predictions on the fate of Humanism in the next 4 years?

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### *The Skeptical Humanists Abroad*

by Ron Steelman

Reflections on our trip to Italy and on one of Twain's most popular books The Innocents Abroad

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## "Open Topic" Forum

Thursday, November 20, 2008 – 7:00 p.m.

Monmouth County Library – Eastern Branch  
1001 Route 35  
Shrewsbury, NJ 07702

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At the Open Topic Forum we invite attendees to suggest topics of interest to Humanists. Those topics will be put to a vote and we'll have a discussion of the topics one by one, starting with the most popular and not moving on to the next until we decide we're ready. Bring your ideas and conversation starters!

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## "Scheduled Topic" Forum

Sunday, December 14, 2008 - 10:30 a.m. Red Bank Charter School

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## *HumanLight Celebration*

Saturday, December 20, 2008 – 6:00 p.m.

(A potluck Humanist holiday celebration!

More details to be announced soon)

We will be decorating a tree of human knowledge. What great works – books, discoveries, etc. – have led to the understanding of our natural world and helped to improve life on this planet?